FATHER

NINETEEN HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE

MR. W. J. BAREFOOT

W. J. Barefoot

In Memory of

W. J. Barefoot

by his son

Billy Barefoot

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Time present and time past
Are both perhaps present in time future,
And time future contained in time past.
If all time is eternally present
All time is unredeemable.
What might have been is an abstraction
Remaining a perpetual possibility
Only a world of speculation.
What might have been and what has been
Point to one end, which is always present.
  Footfalls echo in the memory
Down the passage which we did not take
Towards the door we never opened
Into the rose-garden. My words echo
Thus, in your mind.
  But to what purpose
Disturbing the dust on a bowl of rose-leaves
  I do not know.

T. S. Eliot

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Benson High School

Benson, North Carolina

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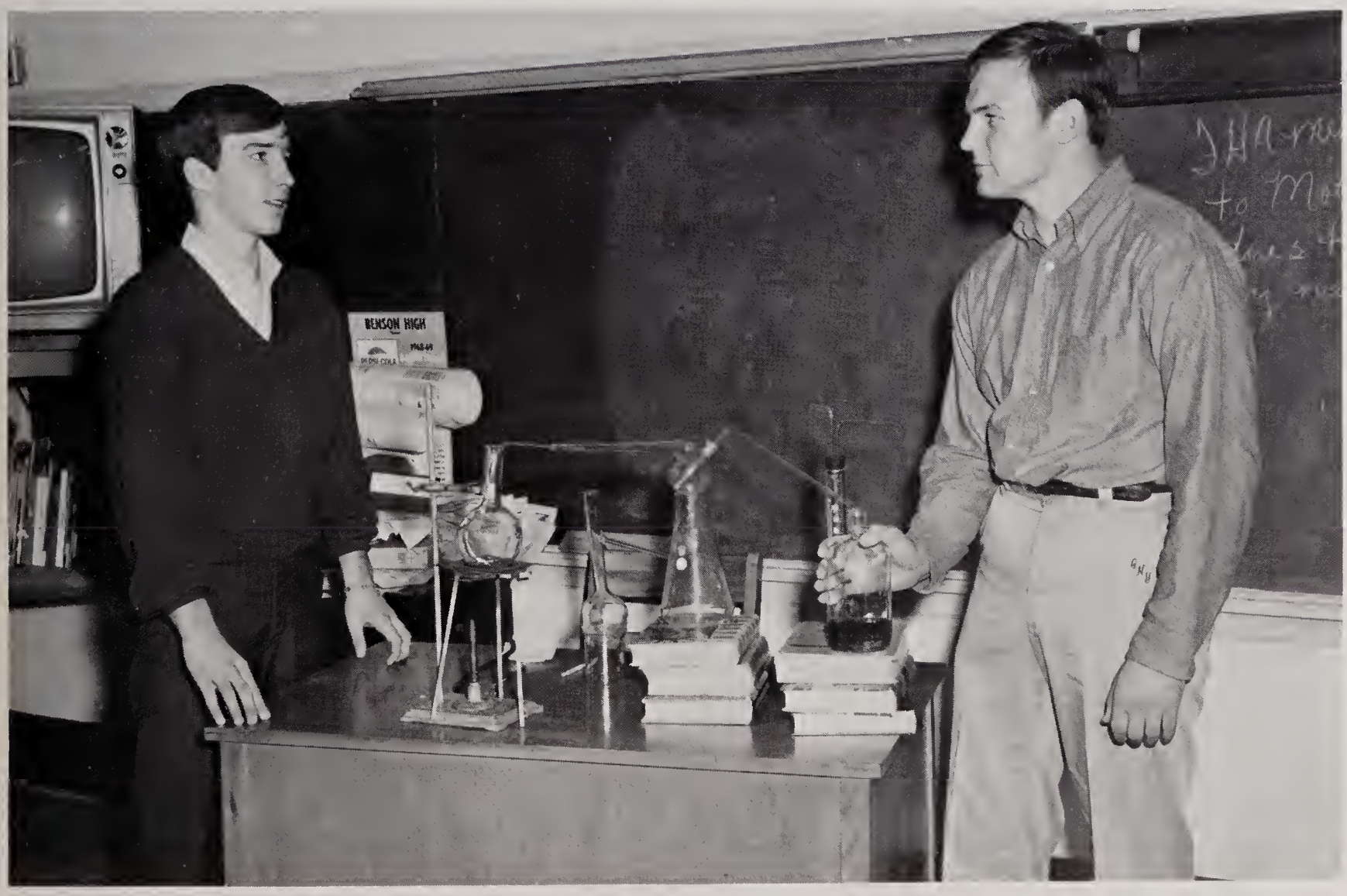

WE
DRINK
SPIRIT
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THE SCHOOL
REMAINS-
MORE THAN
YESTERDAY,
LESS
THAN
TOMORROW . . .

Reward of Service

The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds both great and small
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread,
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells,
The Book of Life the slurring record tells.

Thy love shall chant its own beatitudes,
After its own like working. A child's kiss
Set on thy singing lips shall make thee glad;
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Dedication

MRS. ESPY HOLMES

For Help and Service to others . . . .

We, the 1969 TATLER Staff, proudly dedicate this annual to Mrs. Espy Holmes for her interest in the students and loyalty to Benson High School. For her friendly helpfulness and sincerity in all that she undertakes, we feel she is worthy of this recognition.

Focus On Leadership

A school's life revolves around its administration, especially its principal. A school must have competent and understanding leaders. Benson High School has always prided itself in having administrators with such qualities. James P. Canady was one of the first principals of Benson School. N.G. Woodlief, shown here, was the first principal of the school similar to that of today. The principal with the longest record of service was W.J. Barefoot, who served the school from 1939 to 1966. The present and last principal, Robert D. Warren, is shown speaking to the Senior Class of 1969.

Administration

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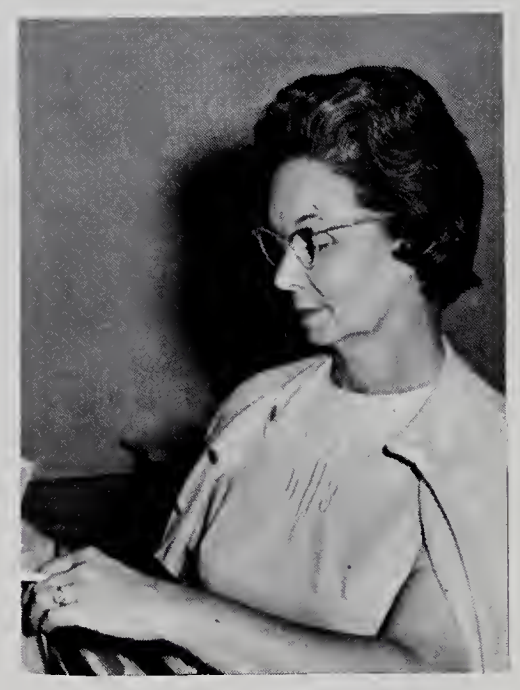
Mr. Robert D. Warren
PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Helen Byrd
SECRETARY



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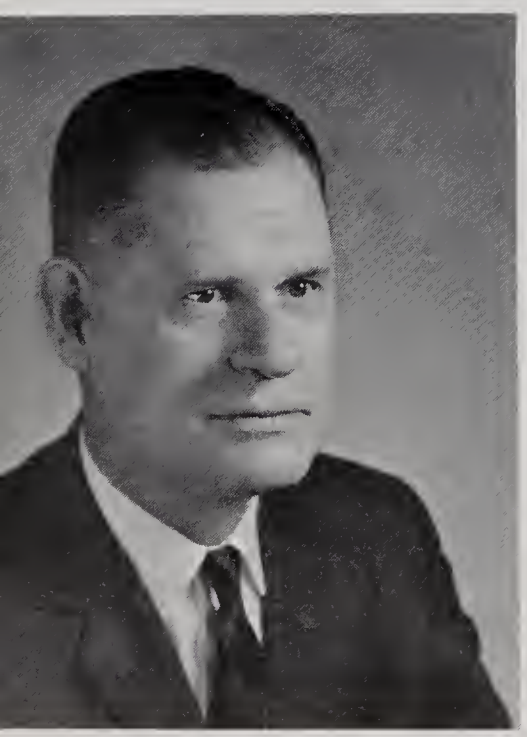

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SUPERINTENDENT OF
JOHNSTON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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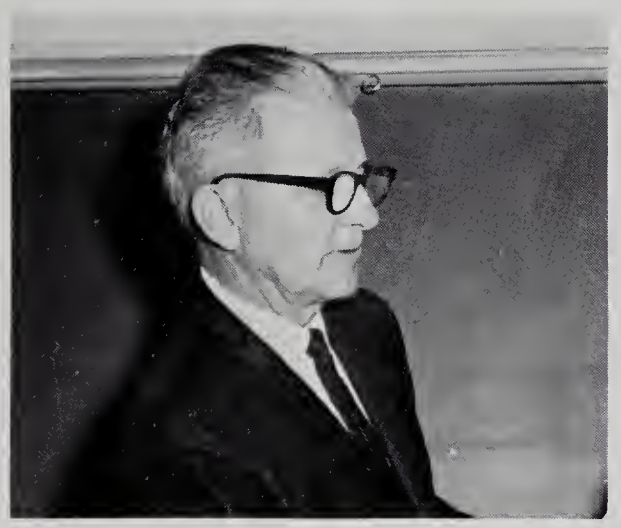

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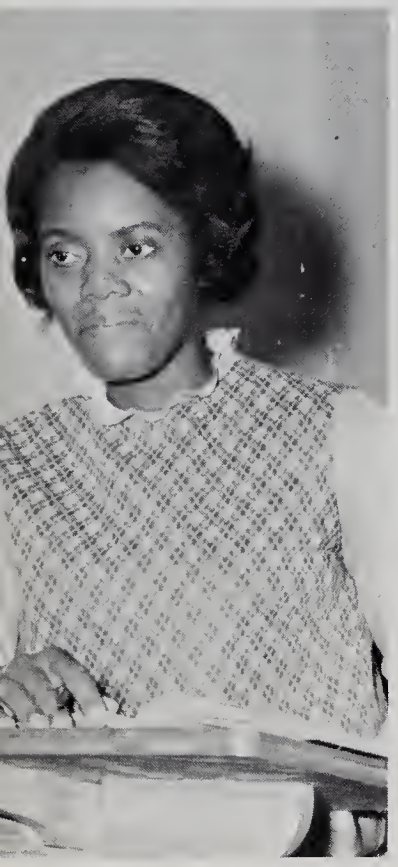

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MR. A. K. BEAVER
Introduction to Vocation

MISS JO ANN WIGGS
English

MR. ROBERT JACKSON
Science

MR. HAROLD BURKE
Band

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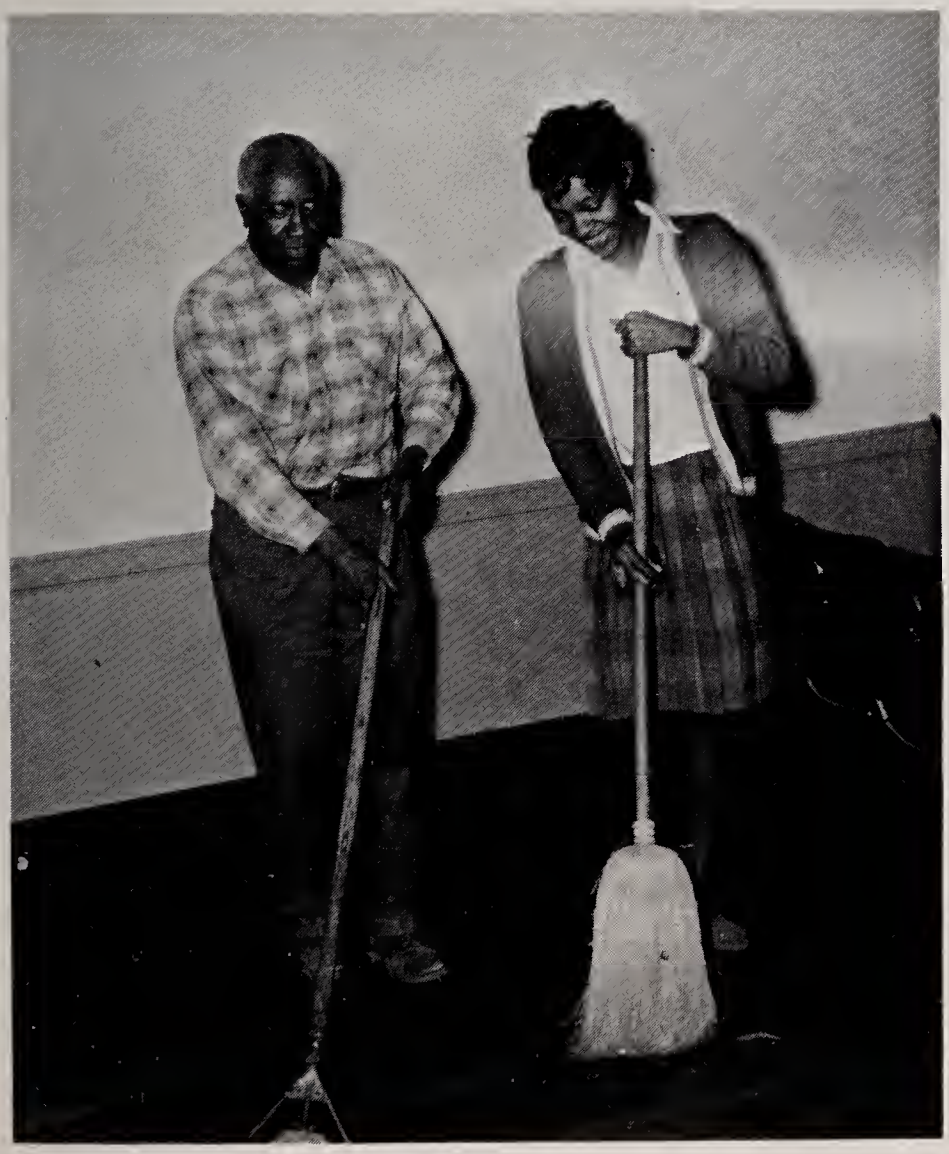

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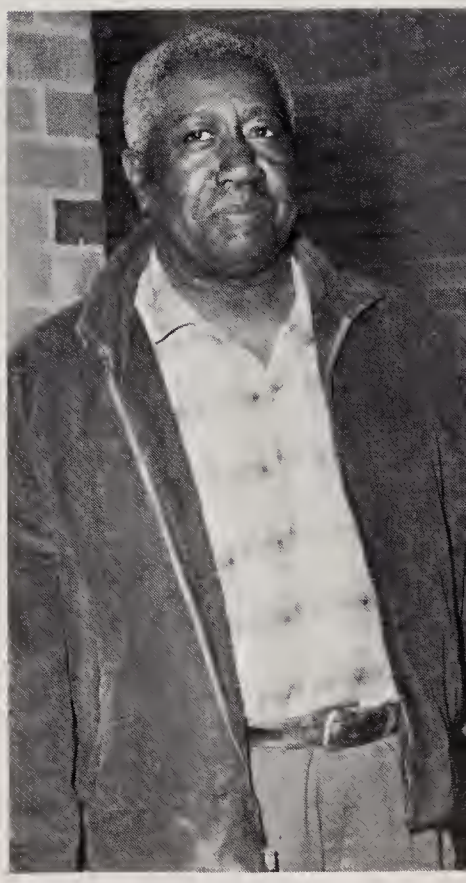
MAID



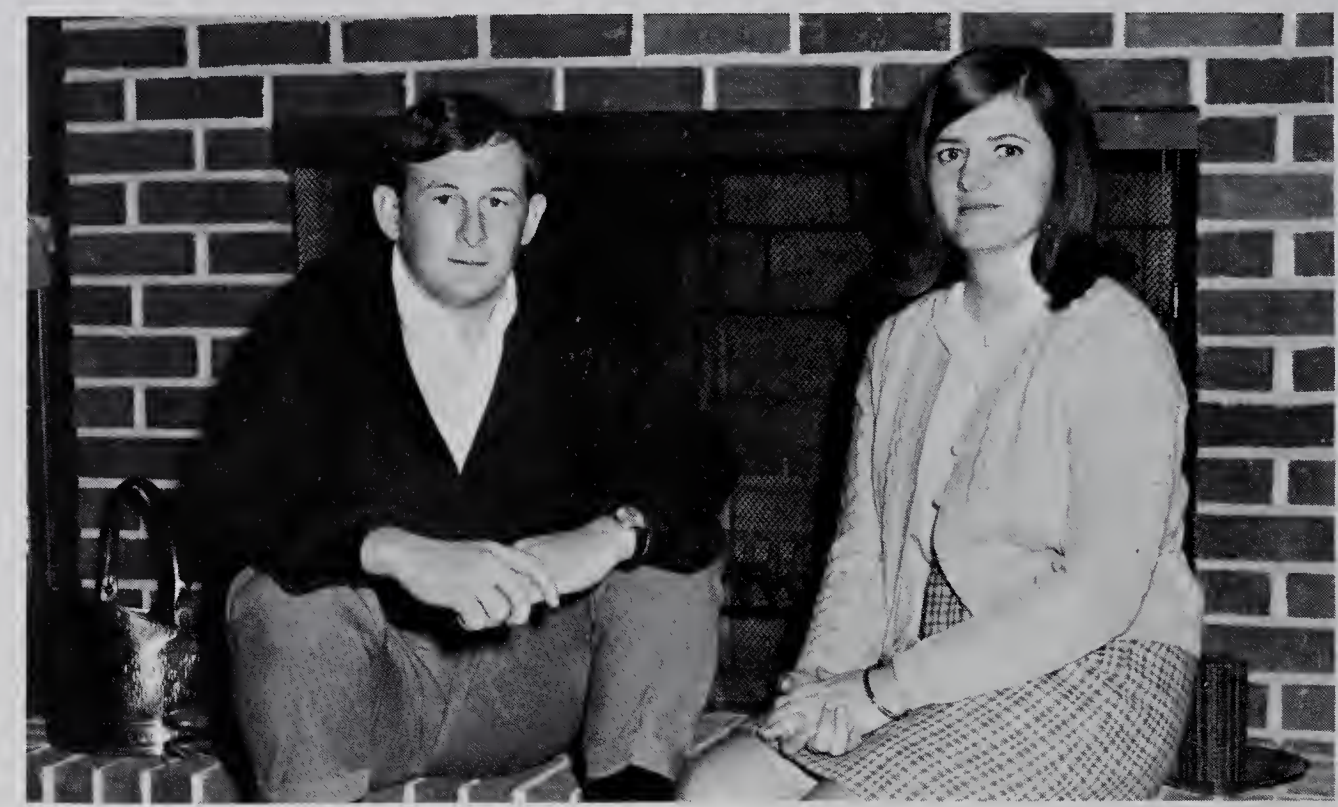
Ted Clark
CUSTODIAN

Focus On Features

In all schools there are outstanding events and personal achievements worthy of recognition. The selection of superlatives is always an important decision. The superlatives of the Class of 1939 are shown here in contrast with the superlatives of 1969.

Features

Superlatives



BEST ALL AROUND
Janet Tart and Jack Whittington

MOST INTELLECTUAL
Neta Lucas and Skipper Canaday

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Nancy Levinson and Johnny Bonner

BEST LOOKING
Onnie Mae Adams and Steve Auman

FRIENDLIEST
Jean Ennis and Emery Miller

BEST PERSONALITY
Janet Ryals and Ronnie Byrd

BEST DRESSED
Janice Stewart and Terry McLamb

MOST POPULAR
Gloria Miller and Ray Holmes

CUTEST
Jan Littleton and Jerry McLeod

MOST DEPENDABLE
Polly Benson and Orace Pollard

WITTIEST
Celia Barbour and Harry Rogers

MOST ATHLETIC
Jean Raynor and Johnny Whittington

Superlatives

Miss Tatler

JULIA ANN GODWIN

selections made by
MITCHELL STUDIO
of North Hills

JAN LITTLETON
First Runner-Up

JEAN GODWIN
Second Runner-Up

NANCY LEVINSON
Third Runner-Up

N. Lucas; S. Canaday, Chief; J. Tart; W. McLamb; N. Levinson; N. Turlington; J. Ryals; J. Bonner.

Marshals

Jan Littleton
HOMECOMING QUEEN

Homecoming

Homecoming

HOMECOMING QUEEN CANDIDATES

Teresa Allen

Kelly Ann Joseph

Nancy Levinson

SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND REPRESENTATIVES: L. Trader and D. Clifton (not shown); S. Auman and N. Turlington; Jack Whittington and G. Miller; N. Yarborough and B. Jones; R. Barbour and J. Tart; S. Canaday and D. Yelvington; J. McLeod and M. Sorrell; Johnny Whittington and N. Lucas.

Honors

Neta Lucas
GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL
Natural Sciences

ALL CONFERENCE
Skipper Canaday
Baseball - 1968 - Football - 1968
Jean Raynor - Basketball - 1968 and 1969
J.E. Byrd - Baseball - 1968
Janet Joseph - Basketball - 1969
Ricky Teague - Basketball - 1969

Skipper Canaday, Janet Tart, Ray Holmes
REPRESENTATIVES AT
BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE

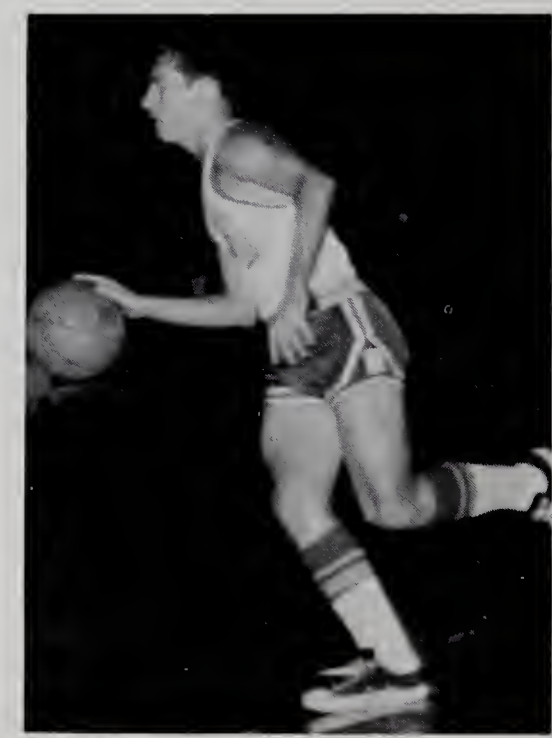
Who's Who

NANCY LEVINSON

Mustang Sally . . . . poor Red Baron . . . . That's a no-no! . . . . You're gonna be a what? pill pusher . . . . Boogar Joe . . . . "Is that a dirty book? Can I read it next?" . . . . You spent how many hours killing white rats in your attic? . . . . An undercover Pollack? . . . . C'mon Nancy, hit her again!

JOHNNY BONNER

Juicy . . . . In the backyard playing basketball when it's forty degrees? . . . . We're going to do what? go to the late show. All right? . . . . Watch out N.C.STATE . . . . Who can play the piano? . . . . Whoa now . . . . Watch yourself . . . . Where's that Beta Club money? . . . . Most likely to do what? succeed . . . . "I didn't know that."



NANCY TURLINGTON

Touché . . . . Do you know anybody going to O.D.? . . . . Babysit? . . . . Lynn who? . . . . I can't find anybody to go . . . . "I'll never date him again" . . . . ECU-here I come . . . . You said what during the girls' basketball game? . . . . Souvenir collector-beach trips, Williams Lake, Embers Club, Pizza Palace . . . . You'd rather fight than what?

NETA LUCAS

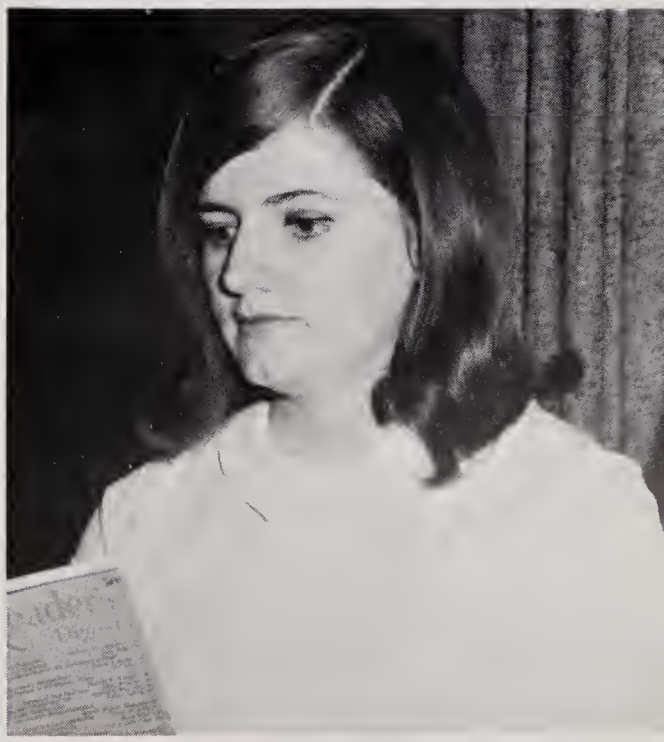
She doesn't really know all the answers . . . she guesses . . . Is that the secret? . . . Second period hall-walker . . . how does she do that? . . . Now what did the Governor want with her? . . . Well I like that poem! . . . DUKE lost – well, there goes another nickel! . . . What makes you think she's attracted to red? . . . You're going where . . . DUKE? UNC? WAKE FOREST?

SKIPPER CANADAY

"Well, if you're writing a book, let's make it a love story" . . . He plays what? Football, basketball, and baseball–what happened to track? . . . "I don't really need glasses, I just wear them to improve my looks" . . . "Who's weird?" . . . If you don't like it,you can (CENSORED) . . . "Was that a very nice thing to do?" . . . A soldier? . . . But do you what? Care.

JANET TART

Charlie's girl . . . "Well, we could always work" . . . Advice for the lovelorn . . . Janet, will you check my theme? . . . "People have asked me that all day" . . . "Why does everybody know these things before I do?" . . . "Can you get me out of second period?" . . . Pictures, deadlines–February 1st. at last . . . No more peace at Peace.



Focus On Activities

Clubs and other special organizations play an important part in school life. They encourage students to take part in activities and to learn the essentials of being good leaders. One of the most important organizations is that which has the responsibility of publishing the school yearbook. The By - Gones - 1928 was an early annual which was published by an annual staff of only two members. Shown here are Leta Gold Johnson, now Mrs. Howard Benton, the editor, and Howard Benton, the business manager. The 1969 Tatler staff, consisting of thirty-seven members, is shown on the opposite page.

Organizations

Tatler Staff

Neta Lucas, Janet Tart
EDITORS

Mr. Luther R. Massengill
ADVISOR

TYPISTS

ASSISTING STAFF

ADVERTISING COMMITTEE

Future Home-makers of America

OFFICERS: D. Wood, Song Leader; K. Messer, Historian; J. Parrish, Parliamentarian; B. Wheeler, Vice President; B. Whittington, President; R. Stephenson, Secretary; J. Ennis, Treasurer; A. Denning, Reporter; M. Dunn, Song Leader.

Ronnie Byrd
BIG BROTHER

Mrs. Florence Sorrell
ADVISOR

Future Farmers of America

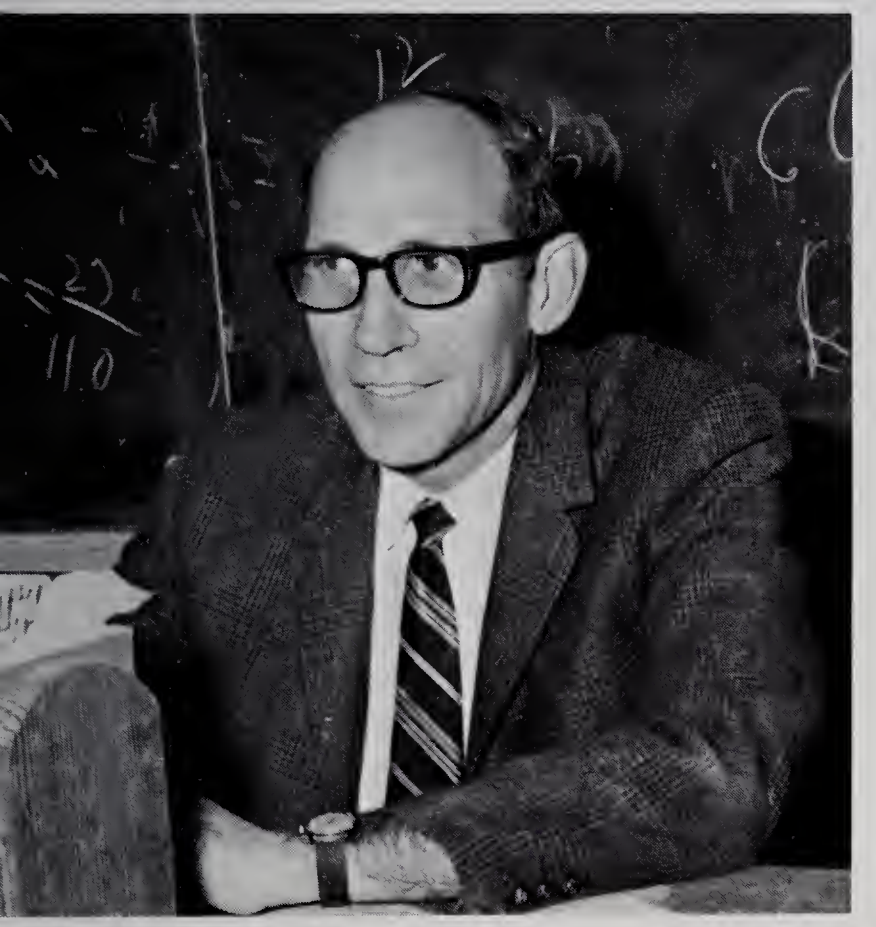
Mr. Herman Coker
ADVISOR

Ann Denning
CHAPTER SWEETHEART

OFFICERS: T. Parrish, Reporter; H. Johnson, Treasurer; D. Tucker, Secretary; A. J. Jones, Sentinel; R. Byrd, President; S. Barbour, Vice President.

Beta Club

OFFICERS: S. Canaday, President; R. Stephenson, Vice President; J. Tart, Secretary; O. Pollard, Reporter; J. Bonner, Treasurer.



Mr. Judson Stephens
ADVISOR

BETA CLUB INITIATION

Monogram Club

OFFICERS: J. Whittington, Vice President; S. Auman, President; L. Trader, Secretary.

Mr. Jim Pell
ADVISOR

Pep Club

Miss Jo Ann Wiggs
ADVISOR

OFFICERS: G. Miller, Secretary; P. Robbins, President; D. Webb, Treasurer; D. Yelvington, Vice President.

Bus Driver's Club

Mr. Robert D. Warren
ADVISOR

OFFICERS: C. Barbour, Secretary; S. Barbour, President; J. Stephenson, Vice President.

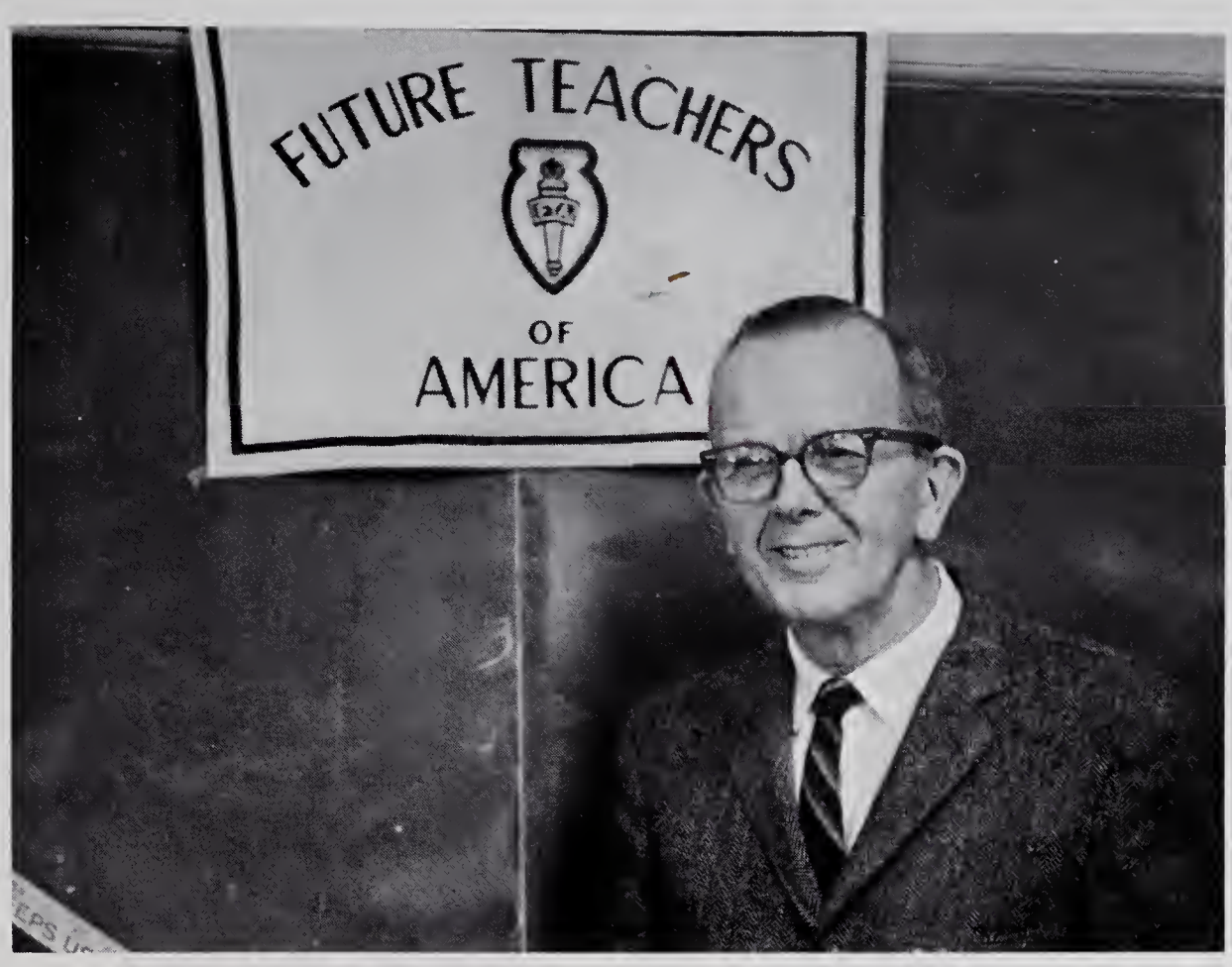
Library Club

Mrs. Margaret Medlin
ADVISOR

OFFICERS: D. Lassiter, Vice President; J. Littleton, Reporter; J. Johnson, President; T. Allen, Secretary; K. Messer, Treasurer.

Future Teachers of America

Mr. J. W. Thompson
ADVISOR



OFFICERS: J. Tart, President; J. Ryals, Vice President; N. Lucas, Secretary; G. Miller, Parliamentarian; R. Stephenson, Historian; D. Benson, Treasurer.

Science Club

Mr. Robert Jackson
ADVISOR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: N. Levinson, L. Trader, N. Lucas, T. Robbins, W. McLamb, J. Tart, J. Bonner.

Glee Club

Betty Wheeler
SECRETARY

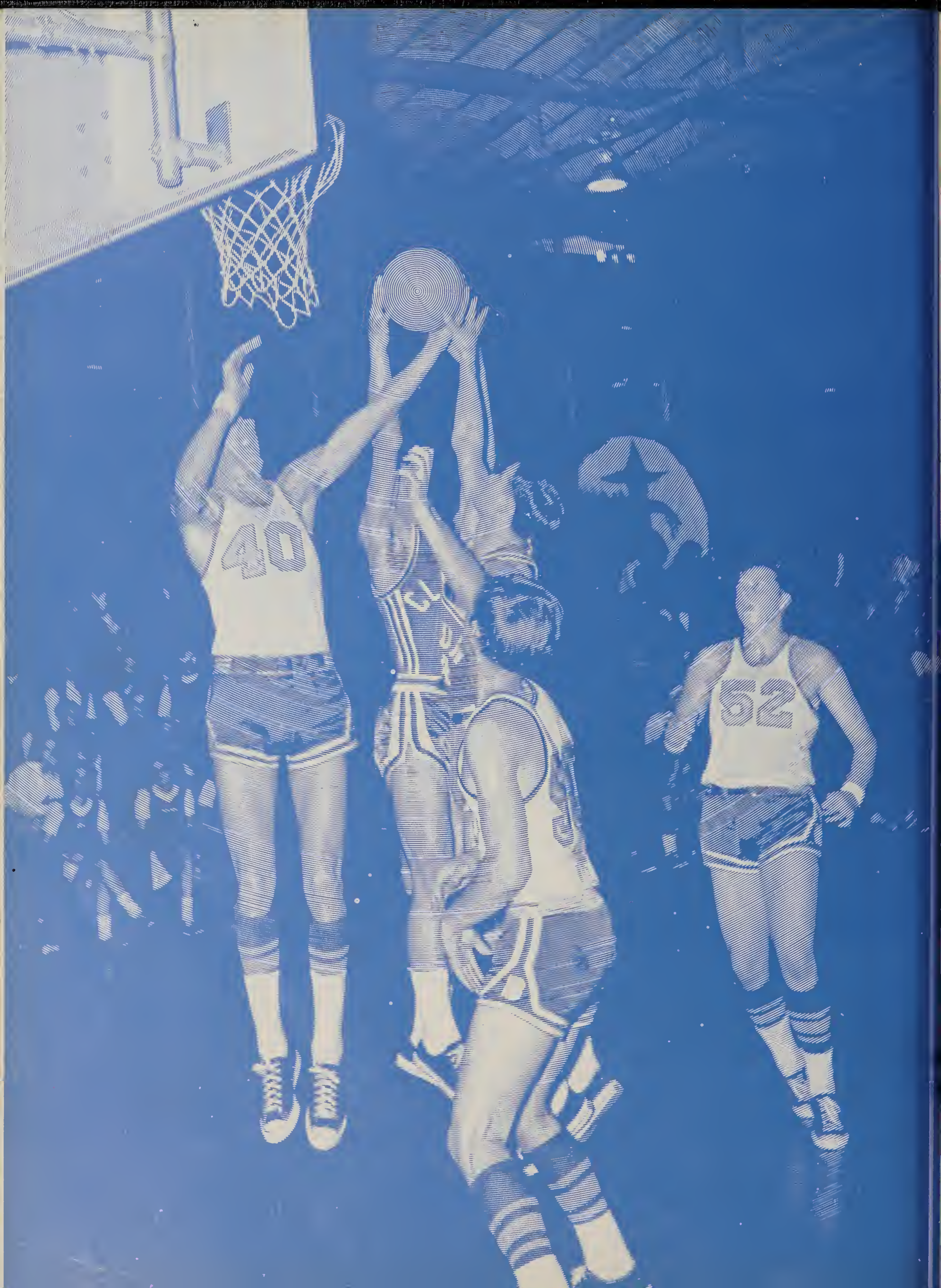
Mrs. Jacqulyn Burton
ADVISOR

Band

Mr. Harold Burke
DIRECTOR

P. Whittington, D. Clifton, M. Sorrell
MAJORETTES

STAGE BAND: First Row: G. Moore, H. Medlin, L. Johnson, D. Benson, W. McLamb. Second Row: J. Hall, R. Holmes, V. Knight, A. Porter, L. Matthews.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Focus On Competition

A very important part of a school is its sports program. For many years, Benson teams have participated in many different events. The basketball team of 1935 is shown here in contrast with an action shot of the present boys' basketball team.

Sports

GLORIA MILLER
Co-Chief

EVELYN BONNER

DEBBIE DIXON

DEBBIE WEBB

MARY LYNN DUNN

LOIS McLAMB
Chief

Cheerleaders

KELLY ANN JOSEPH

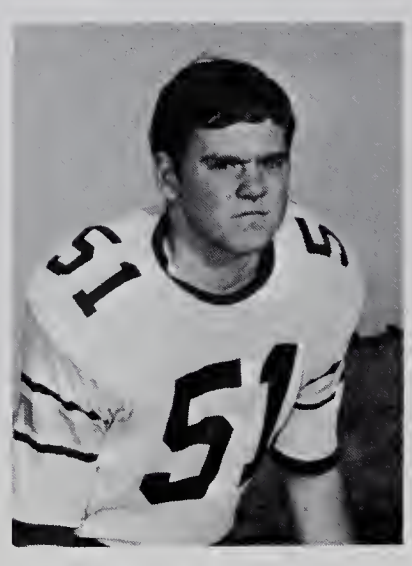
JAN LITTLETON

CATHY LEE

KAREN JOHNSON

STEVE AUMAN
End
TRI - CAPTAIN

SKIPPER CANADAY
Center, Linebacker
TRI - CAPTAIN



JACK WHITTINGTON
Fullback, Linebacker
TRI - CAPTAIN

JOHNNY WHITTINGTON
Tailback, Defensive Back

Barbour leads the attack as the Phantom defense collapses on the ball carrier.

Football

RAY BARBOUR
Tackle

NEIL YARBOROUGH
Tackle

JERRY McLEOD
Halfback, Wingback

LYLE TRADER
End, Defensive Back

Manager, TIM STEPHENSON; Student Trainer, SAMMY GODWIN.

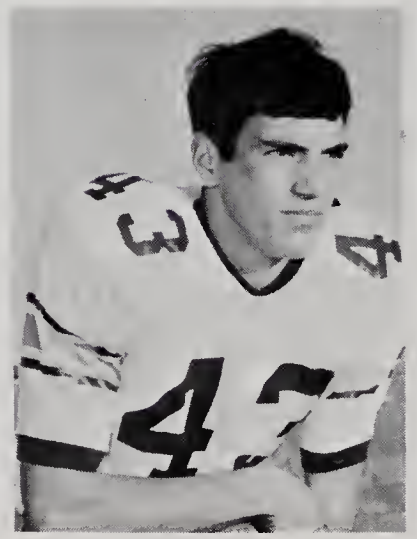
Assistant Coach, JIM NOLAN; Head Coach, JIM PELL.

After grabbing a pass, Auman seeks to elude Comet defenders.

Football

DAVE WARREN
Quarterback, Defensive Back

FREDDY KINSEY
Quarterback



GLENN RAYNOR
Halfback

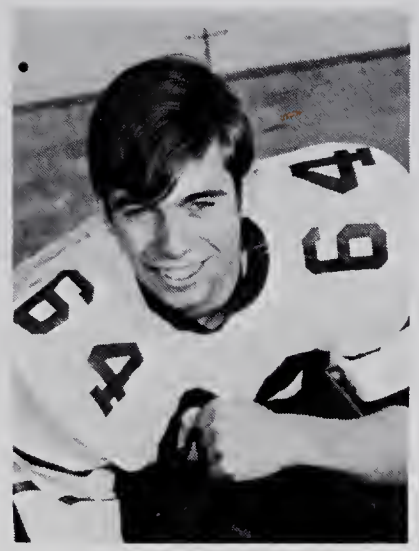
KENNETH STEWART
Tackle

JERRY CREECH
Tackle

DANNY McLAMB
Guard

MIKE DENNING
Fullback

GARY MITCHELL
Guard

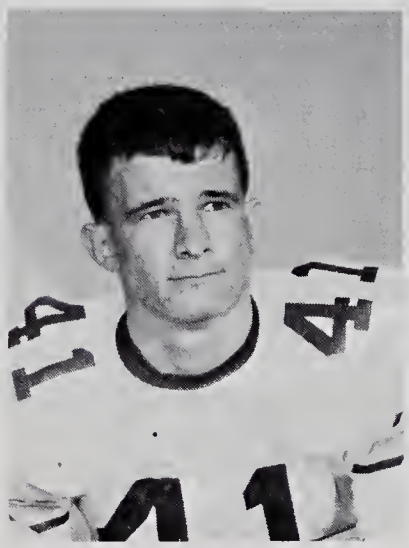


RANDY BENSON
Guard, Linebacker

J. B. McLAMB
Guard, Center,

TONY McLAMB
Guard

BOB JOHNSON
Halfback



HARVEY STEWART
Guard

Two of the Phantom tri-captains, Whittington and Canaday, meet the officials and opposing captains.

Football

Warren attempts to throw off the blocker and make the tackle.

PERRY ENNIS
End

GARY SIMMONS
Tackle

Phantoms anxiously look on from the sidelines.

JOHNNY DICORTE
Tackle

GARY LITTLETON
Halfback

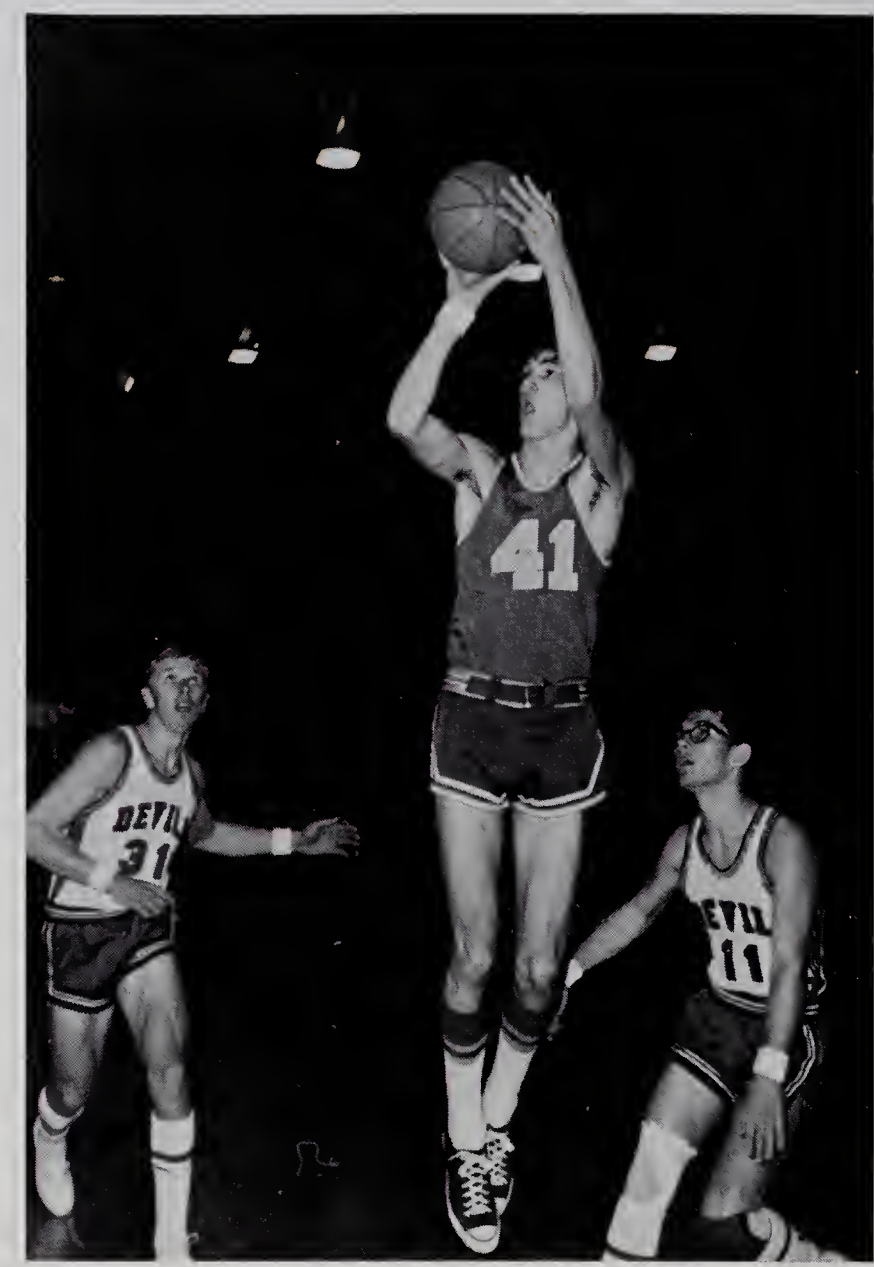
LUIS MAHIQUEZ
Center

VERNON KNIGHT
Halfback

Two Phantoms bring down a Clayton ball carrier.

Boys' Basketball

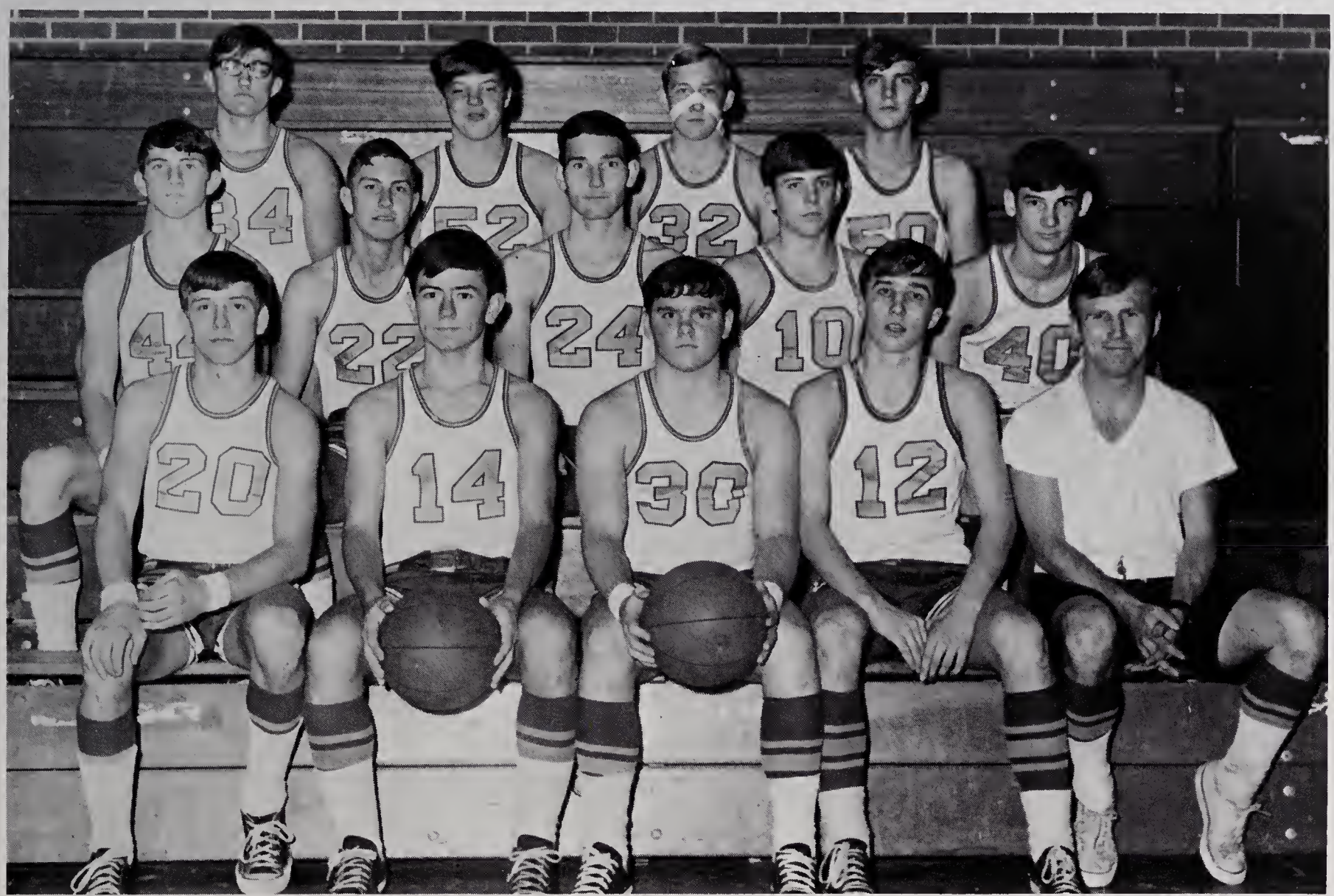
Teague fires from outside for two.



Coach Jim Nolan

Auman and Teague await the results as Beasley struggles for the rebound.

First Row: J. McLeod, J. Bonner, S. Canaday, R. Stephenson, Coach Nolan. Second Row: D. Warren, W. Beasley, E. Miller, L. Trader, R. Teague. Third Row: L. Stiles, R. Barbour, S. Auman, H. Beasley. Manager Tim Stephenson (not shown).



In the lockeroom at halftime, the players listen attentively to Nolan's strategy for the second half.

Joseph lays one up and in.

Raynor contributes two more points to the Phantom victory.

Coach Jim Pell

Clifton shoots for two from the outside.

Girls' Basketball

First Row: D. Warren, J. Raynor, D. Clifton, J. Joseph, K. Lee. Second Row: M. Sorrell, N. Levinson, C. Clifton, B. Wood, R. Lee. Third Row: J. Hall, V. Byrd, G. Hodges, D. Beasley, V. Jones (not shown); Managers: N. Turlington, S. Miller (not shown).

Coach Jim Nolan

Track

Blackmon pole vaults in practice.

P. D. Ennis; L. Mahiquez; B. Johnson; G. Raynor; J. Hall; E. Miller; G. Blackmon.

Baseball

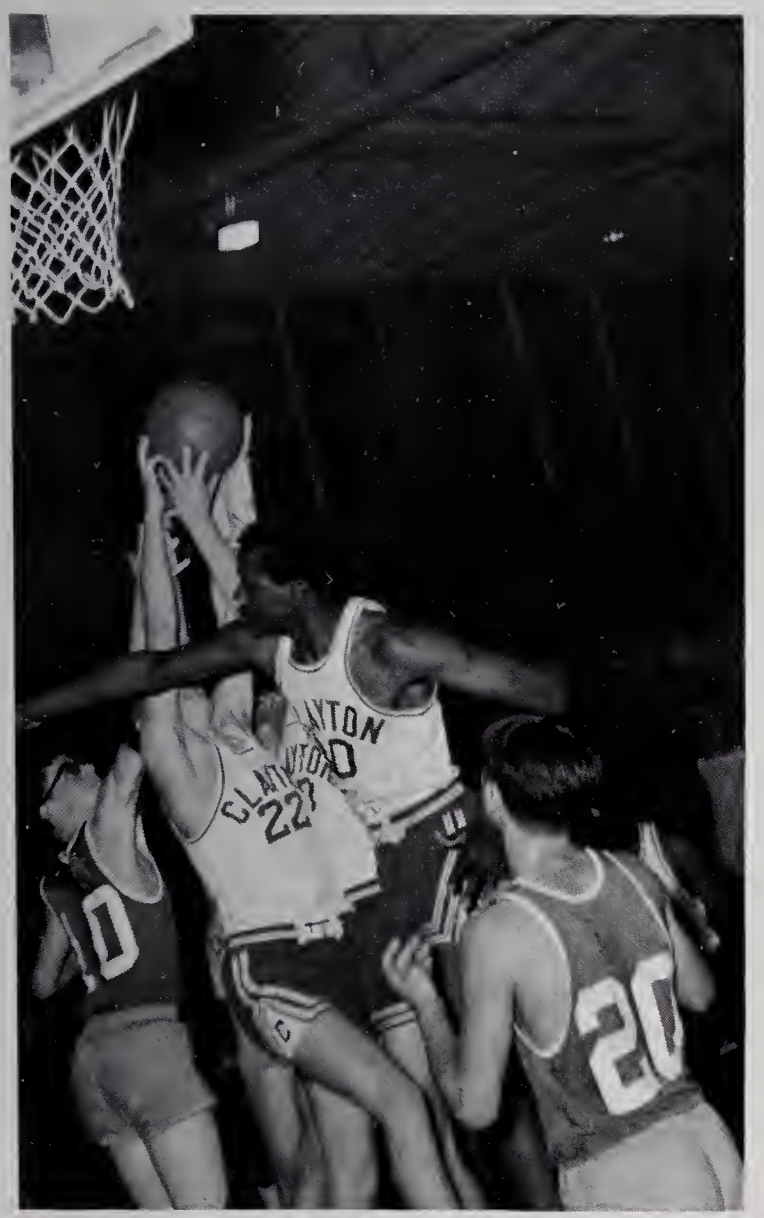
First Row: J. Bonner, Jack Whittington, S. Canaday, J. McLeod. Second Row: K. Bell, S. Auman, F. Norris, G. Littleton. Standing: J. Rogers, MANAGER; J.E. Byrd, E. Miller, R. Teague, G. McLamb, Johnny Whittington, D. Warren, Coach J.C. Nolan, G. Warren, Scorekeeper.

Whittington rounds third on his way to home.

McLamb at bat for Benson.

Junior Varsity

S. Stephenson; S. Johnson; S. Williams; M. Bonner; T. McLamb; A. Rose, Chief; C. Parker; R. Parker; B. Norris; M. Sorrell; D. Morris.



Warren struggles for a rebound in the Clayton game.

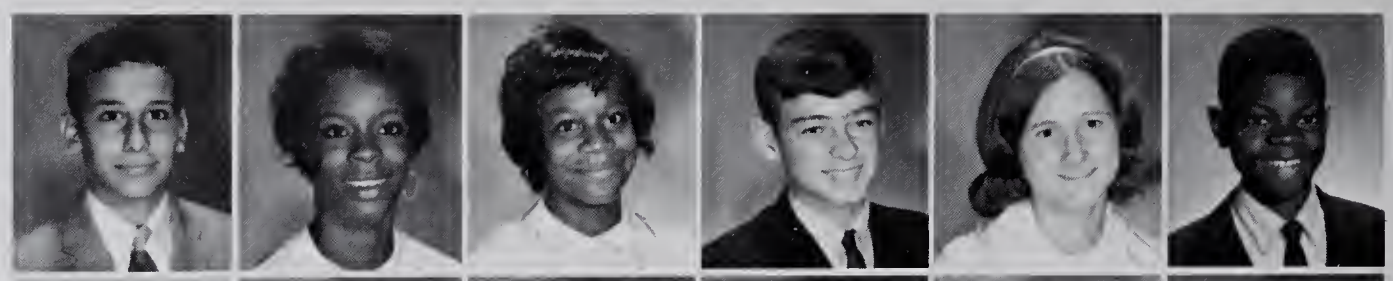
Jimmy Parker and C. N. Bostic
J. V. COACHES

Focus On Students

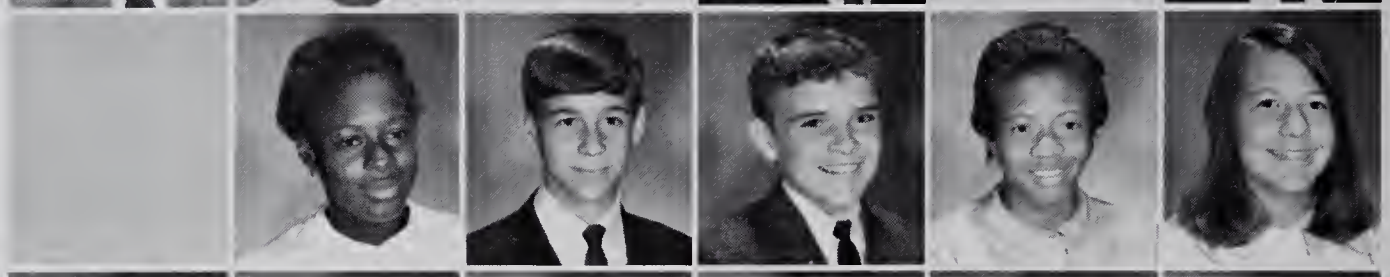
Though there are many special sections of a school, it's life centers around the students. They are the core of all the school's activities. Shown on this page are students who attended the 1909 Benson school, which was located in a building known as the Dixie House. This number of students, which represented all grades, is very small in comparison with only one class today. The Senior Class of 1969, shown on the opposite page, includes eighty-seven members.

Classes

Tommy Abdalla
Rosetta Alford
Teresa Amerson
Bobby Avery
Becky Bain
Jerry Baker



Karen Baker (not shown)
Evelyn Barfield
Tony Barnes
Connie Beasley
Katie Bell
Sue Benson



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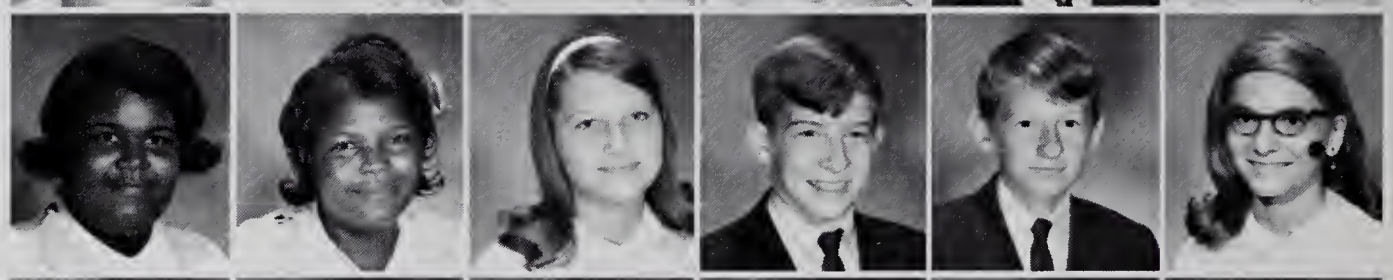

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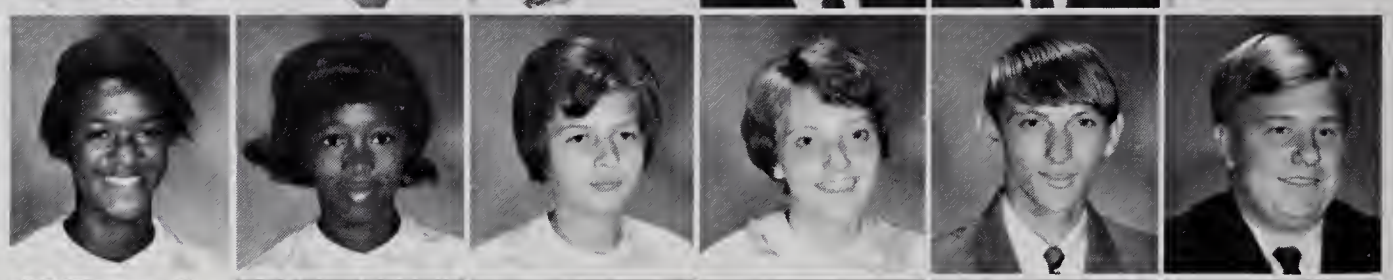

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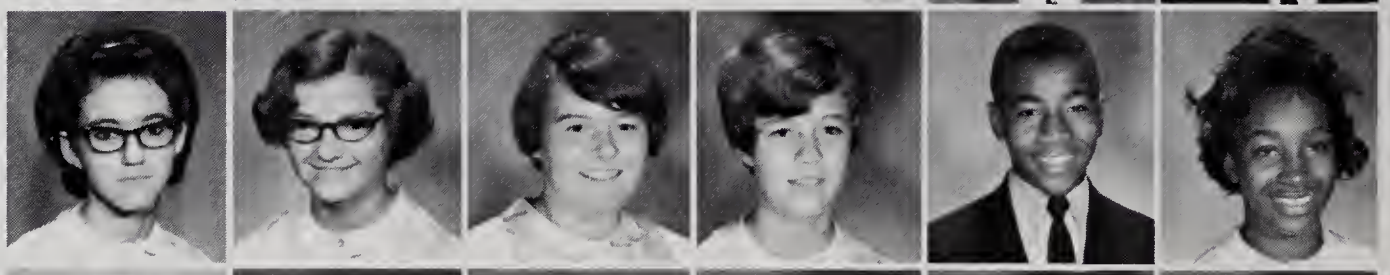

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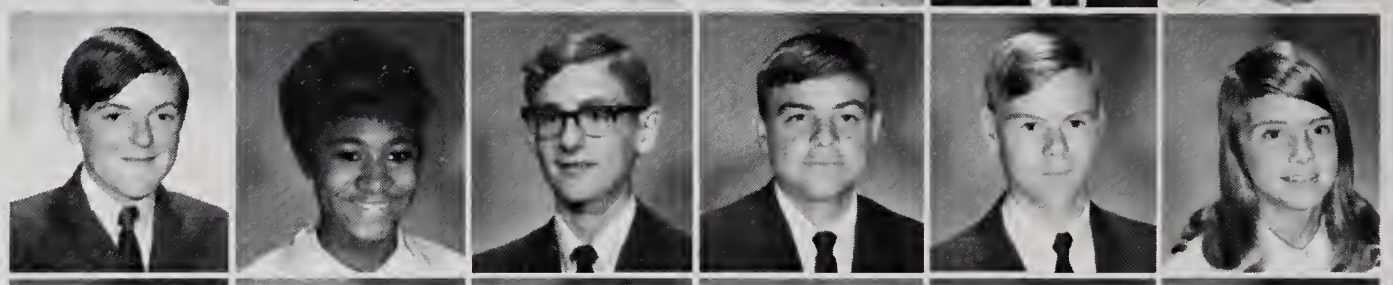

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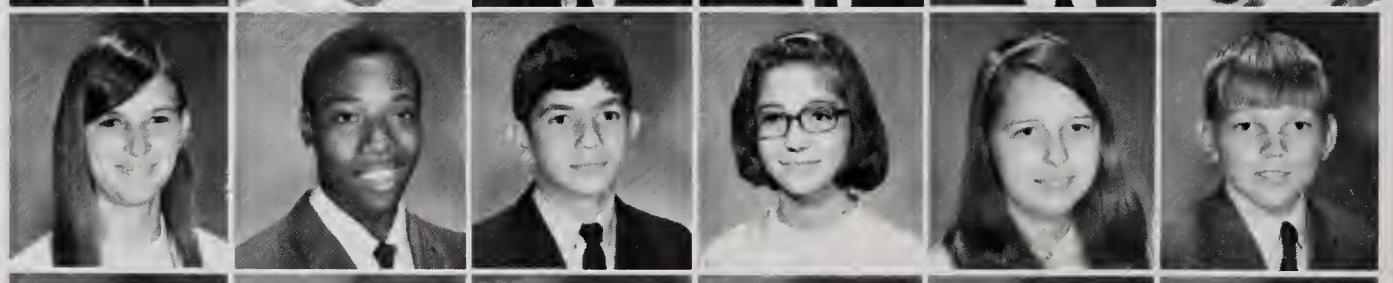

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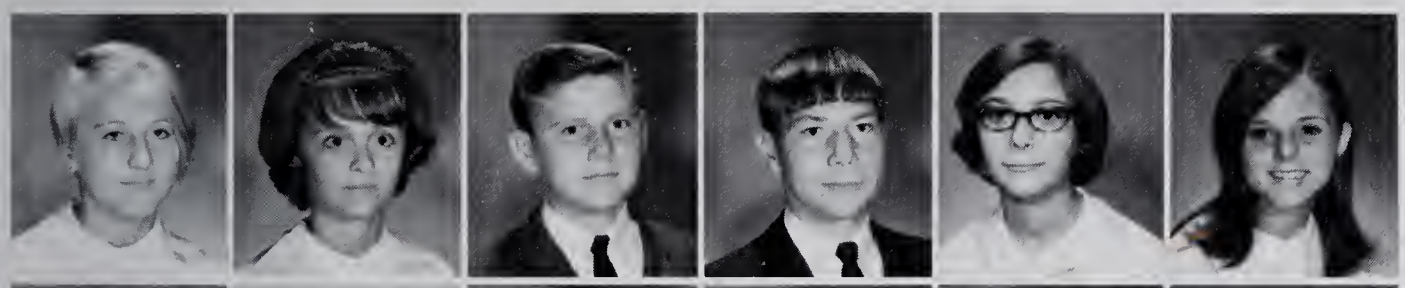

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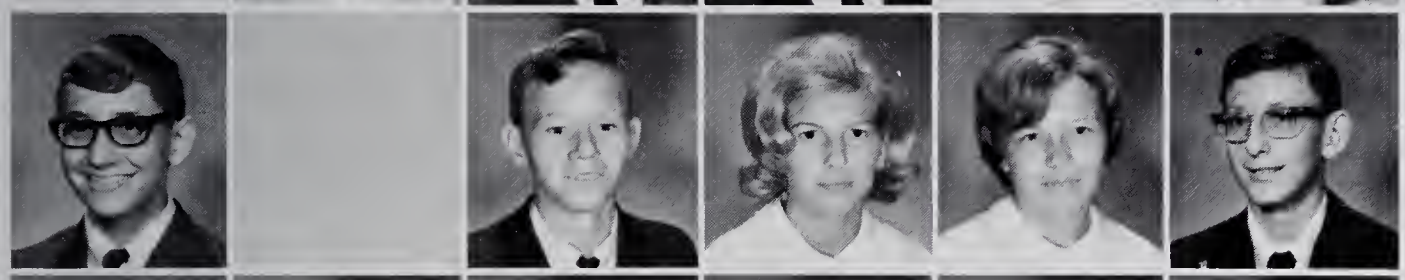

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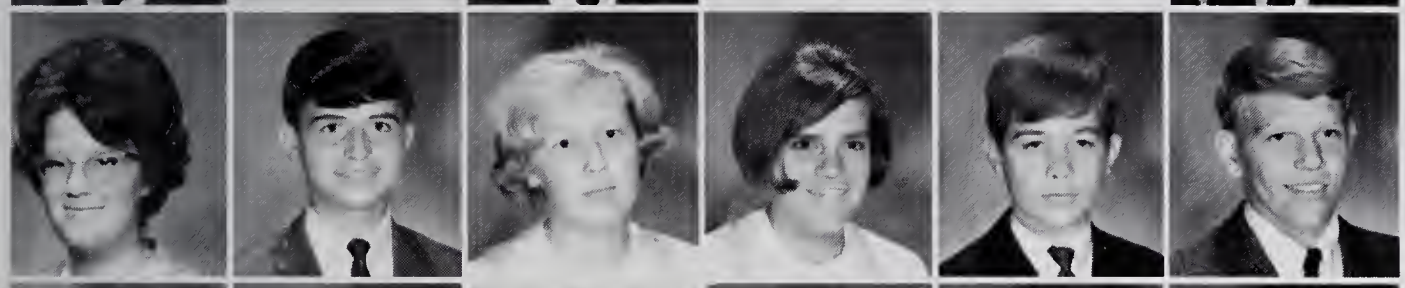

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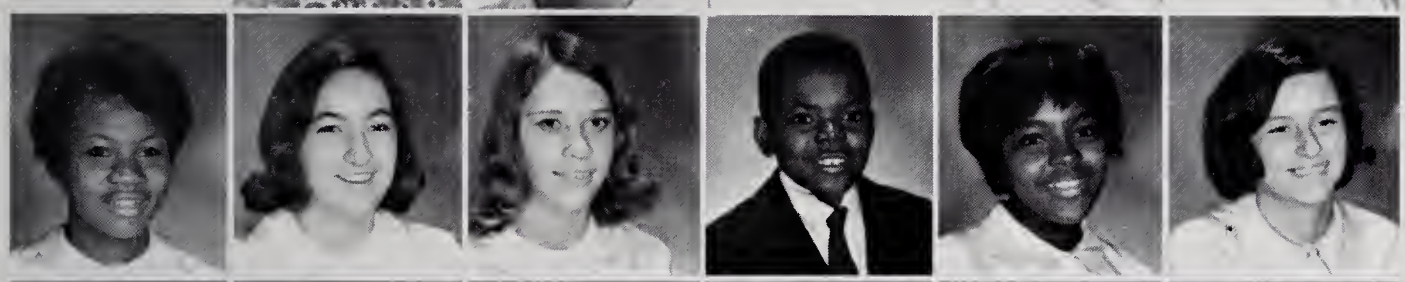

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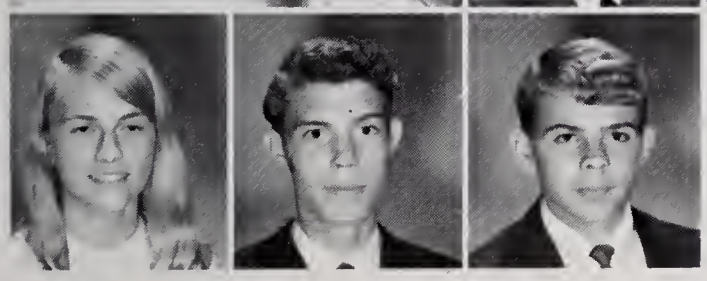

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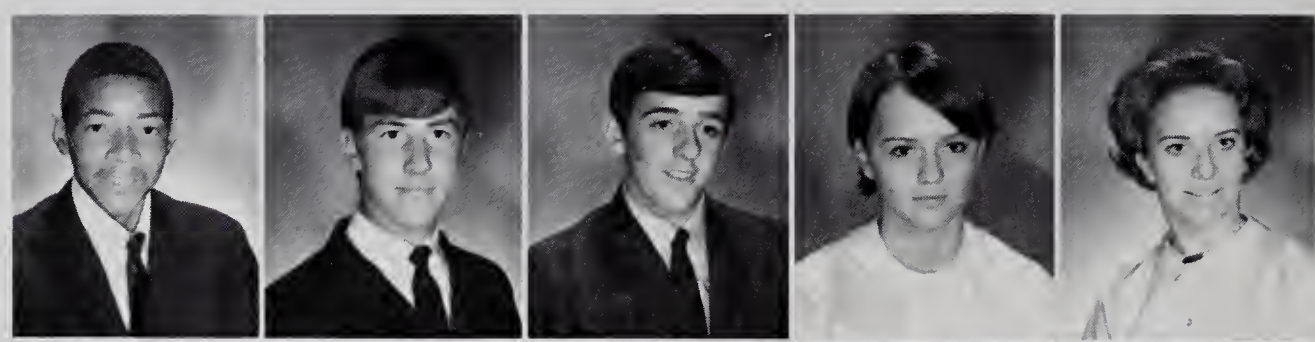

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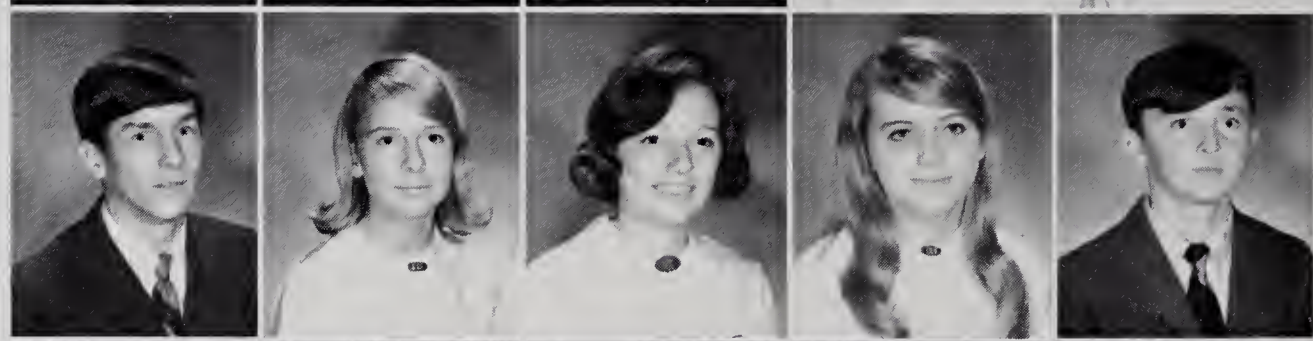

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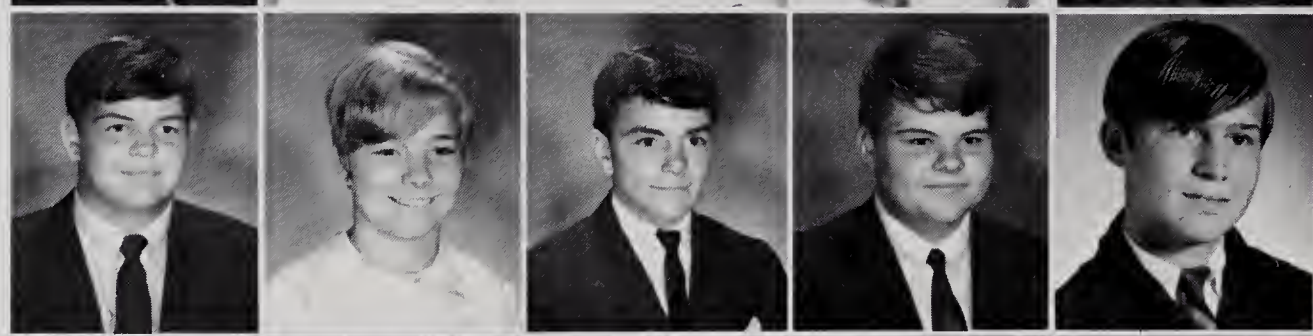

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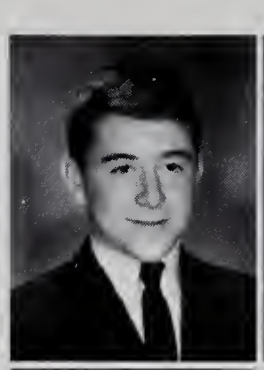
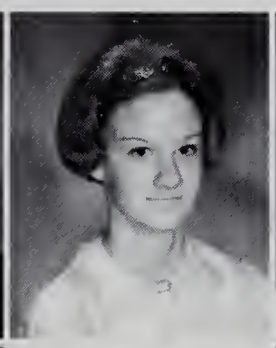

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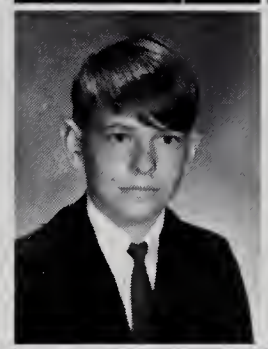
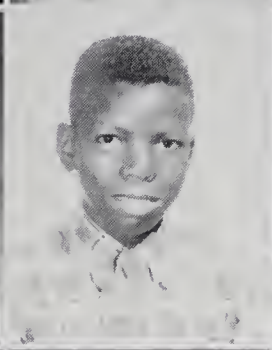

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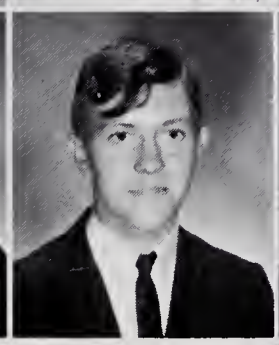
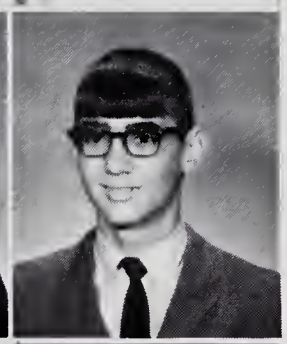

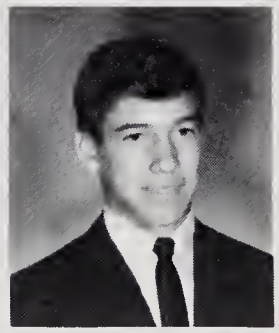

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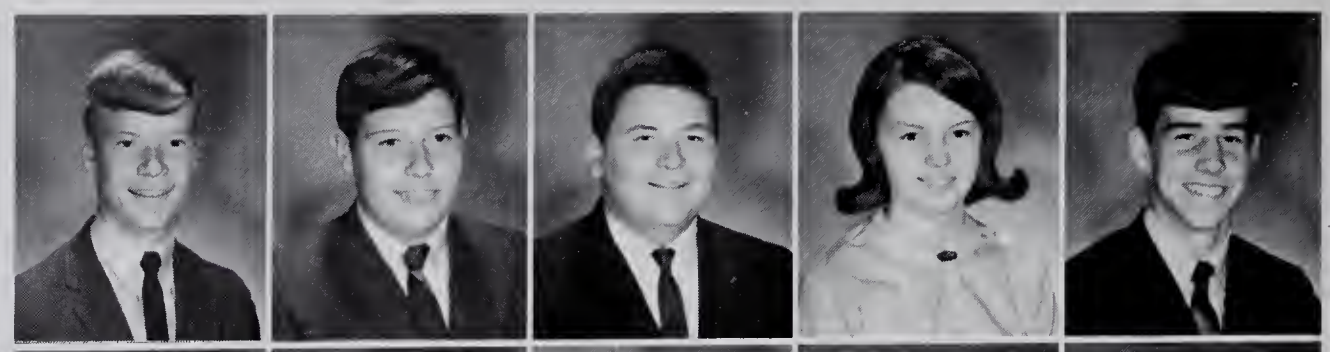

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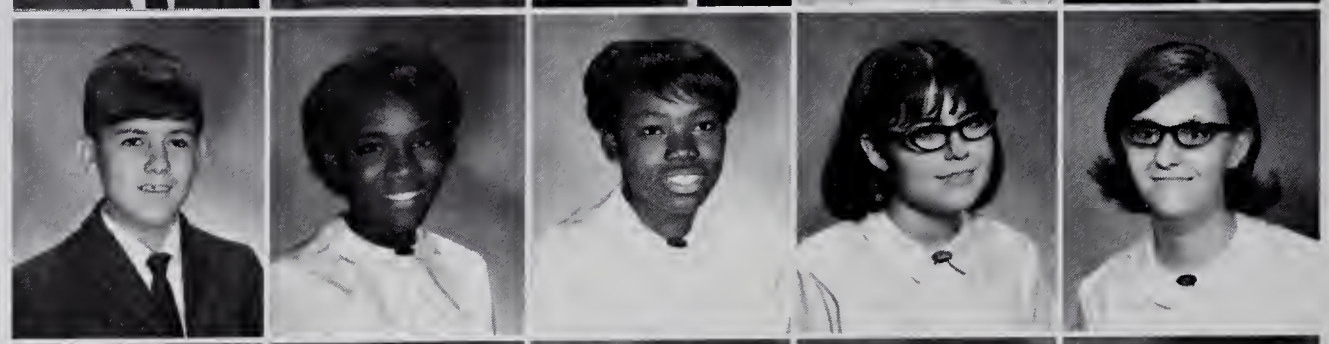

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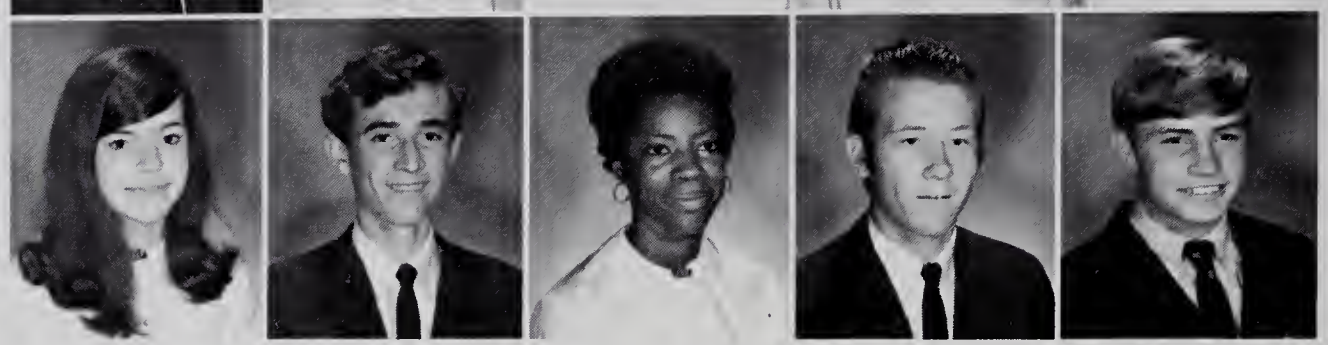

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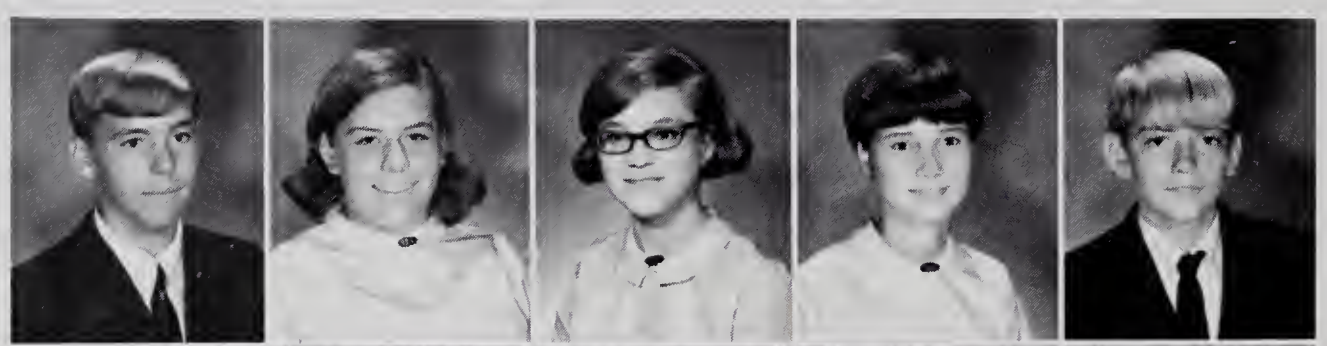

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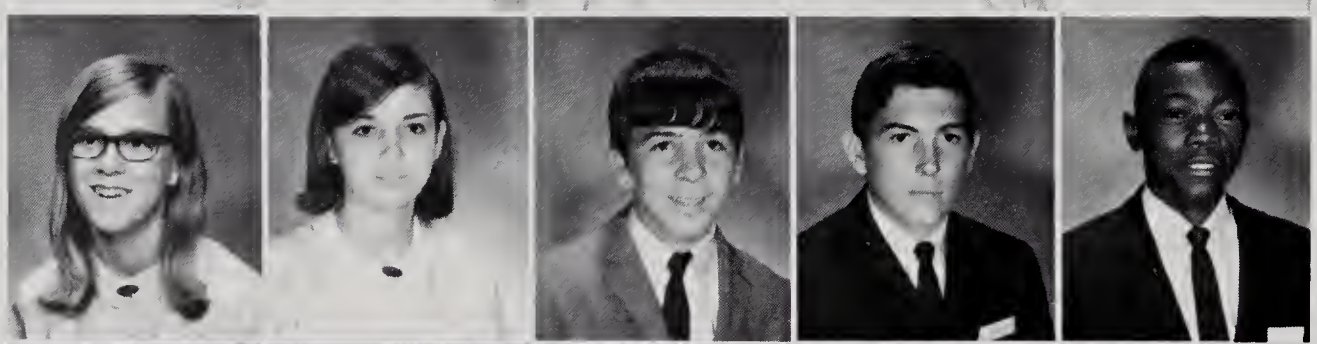

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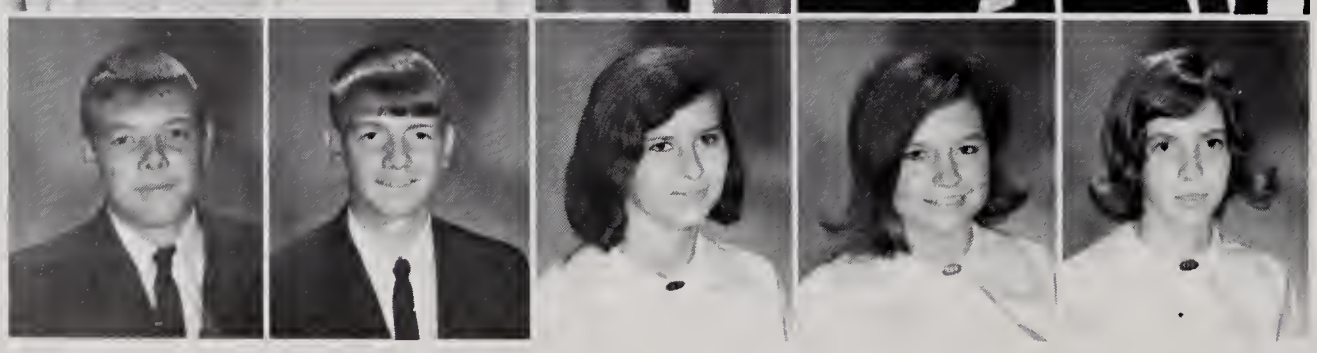

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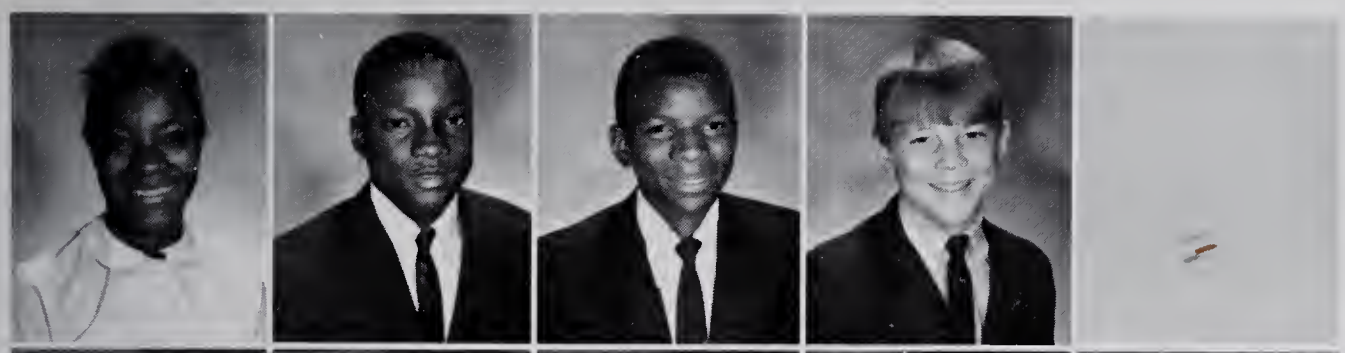

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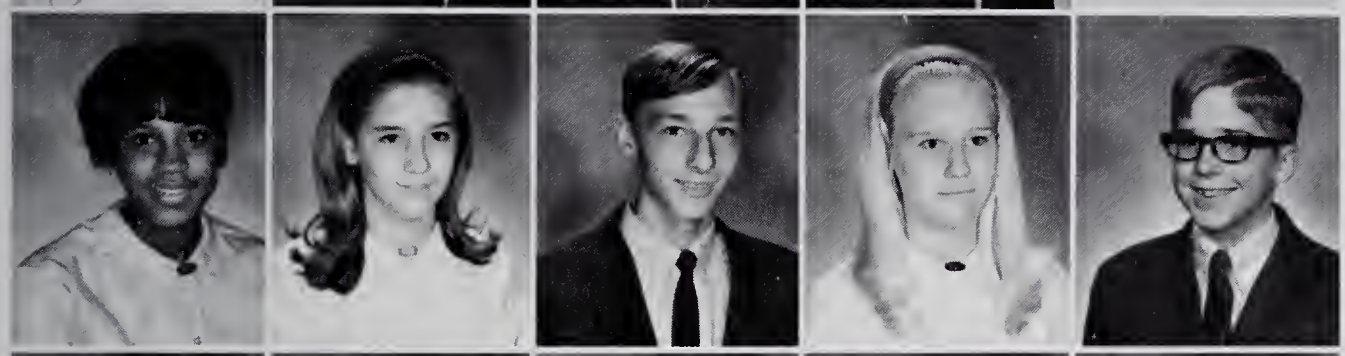

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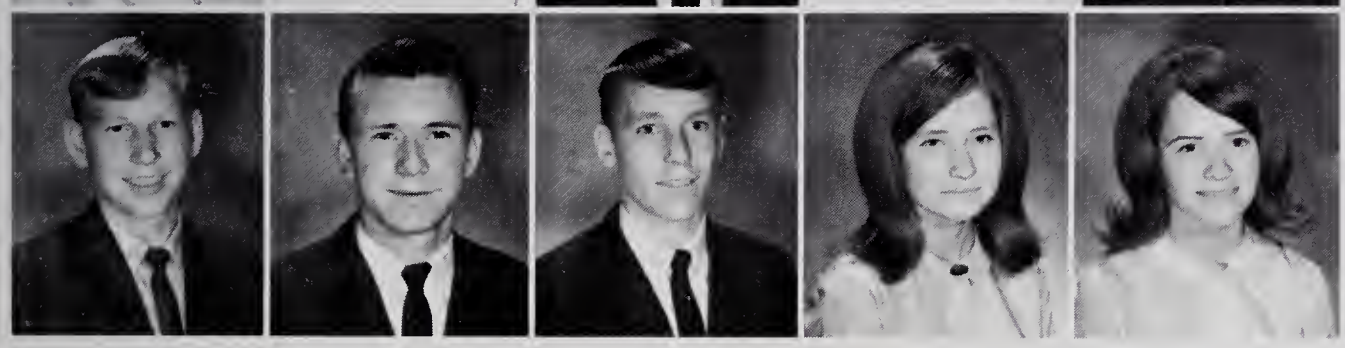

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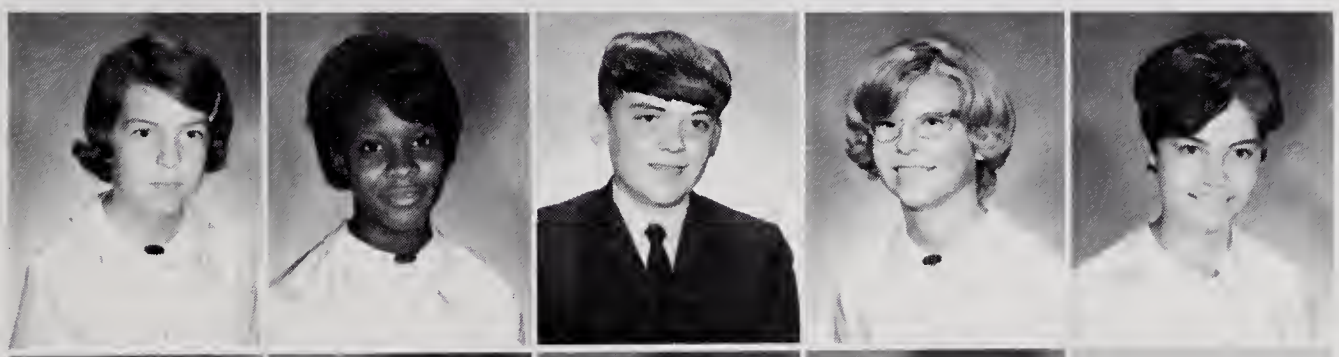

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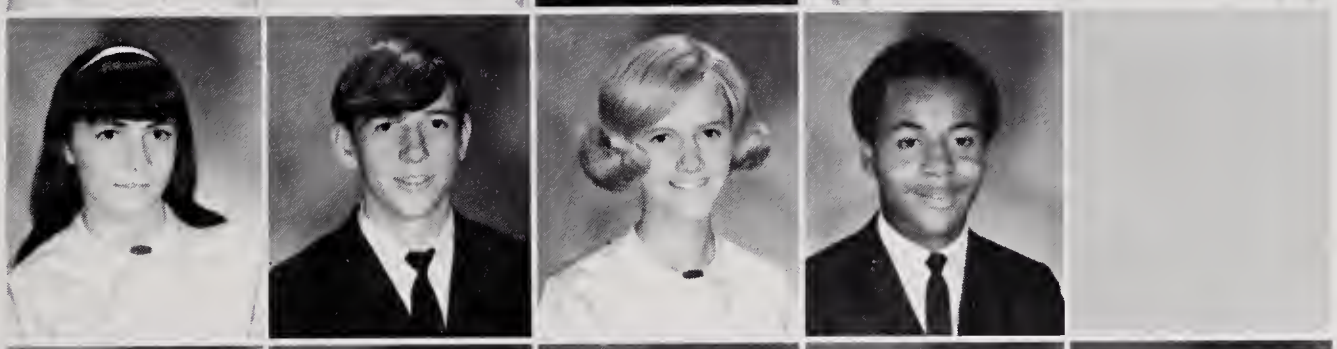

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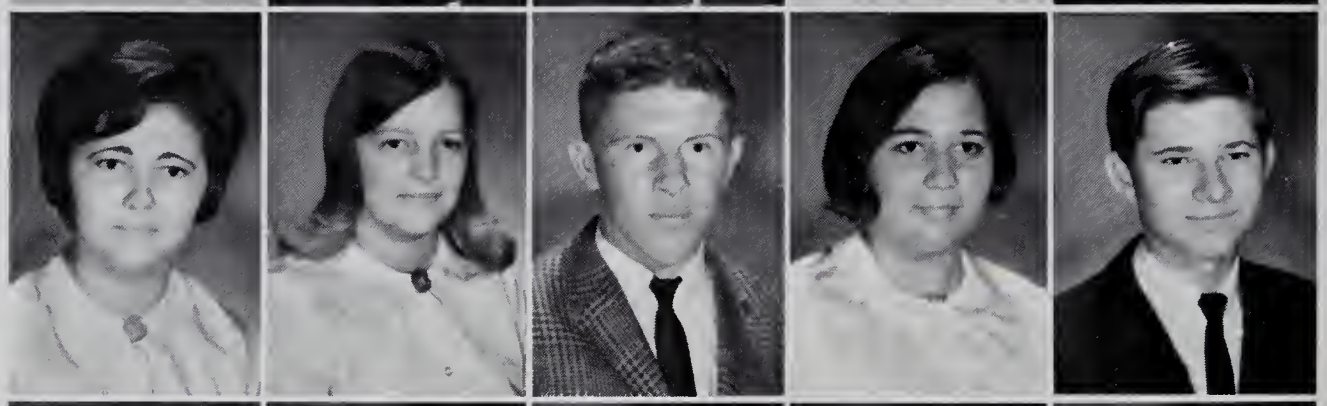

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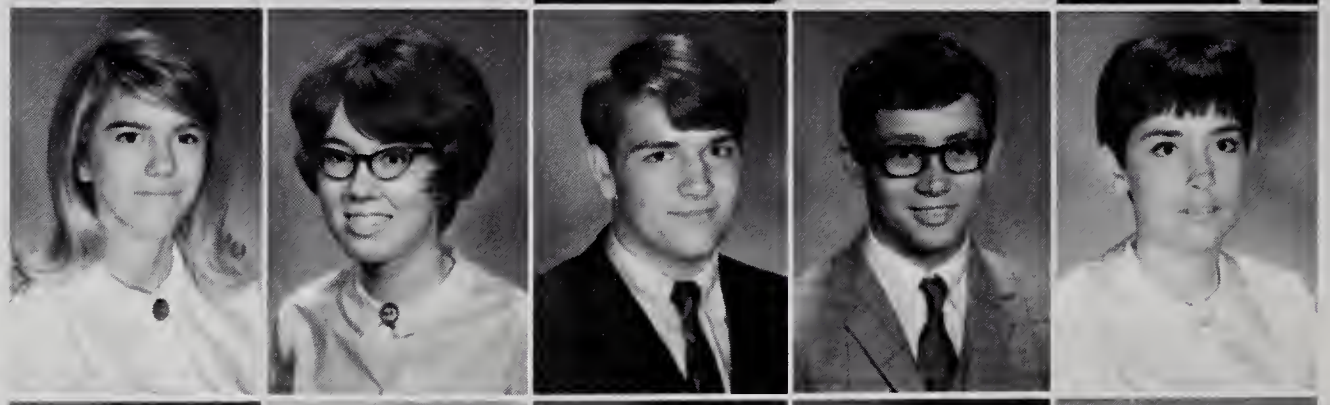

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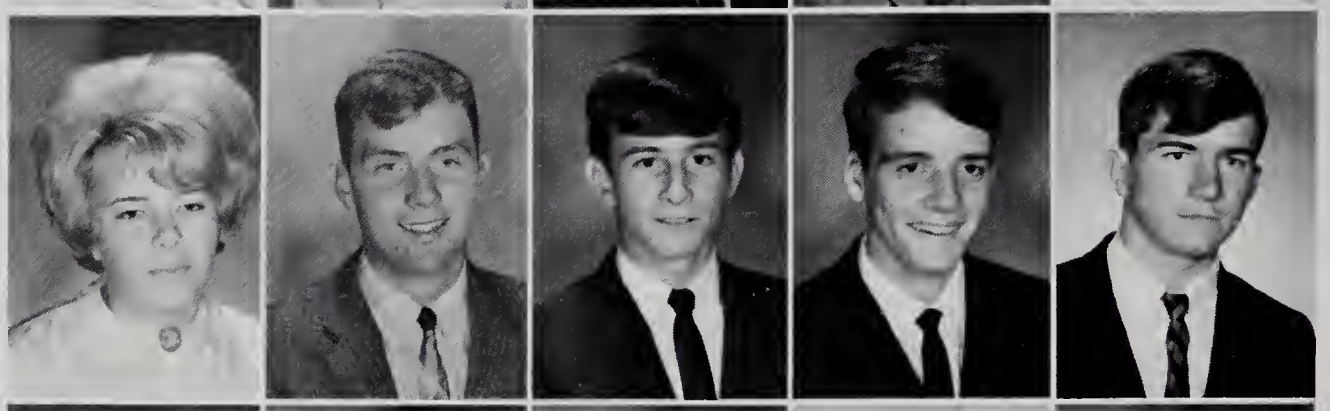

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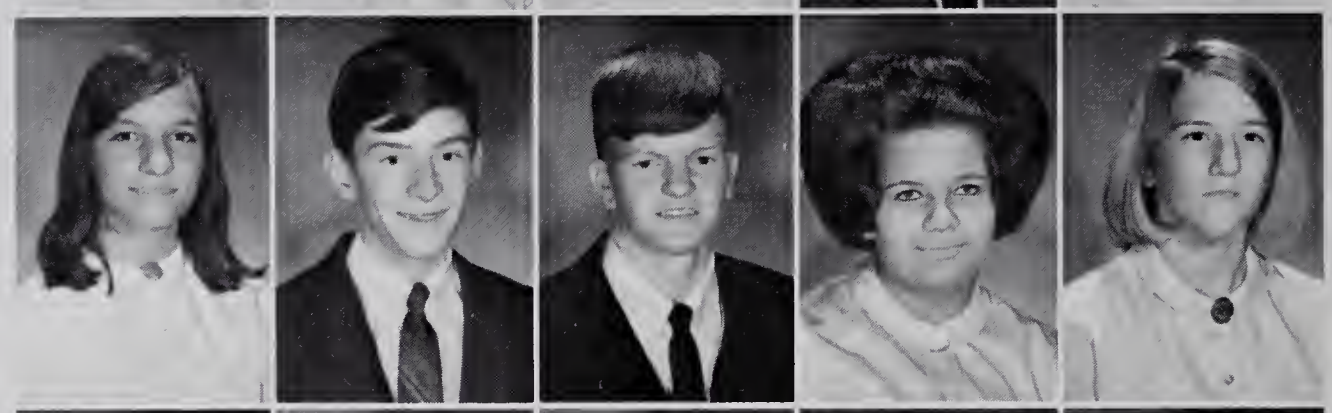

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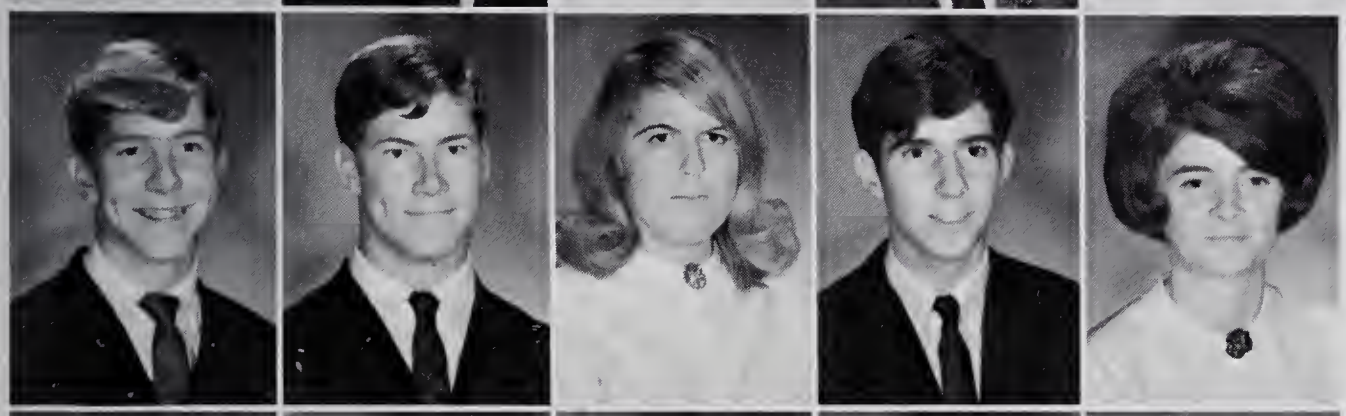

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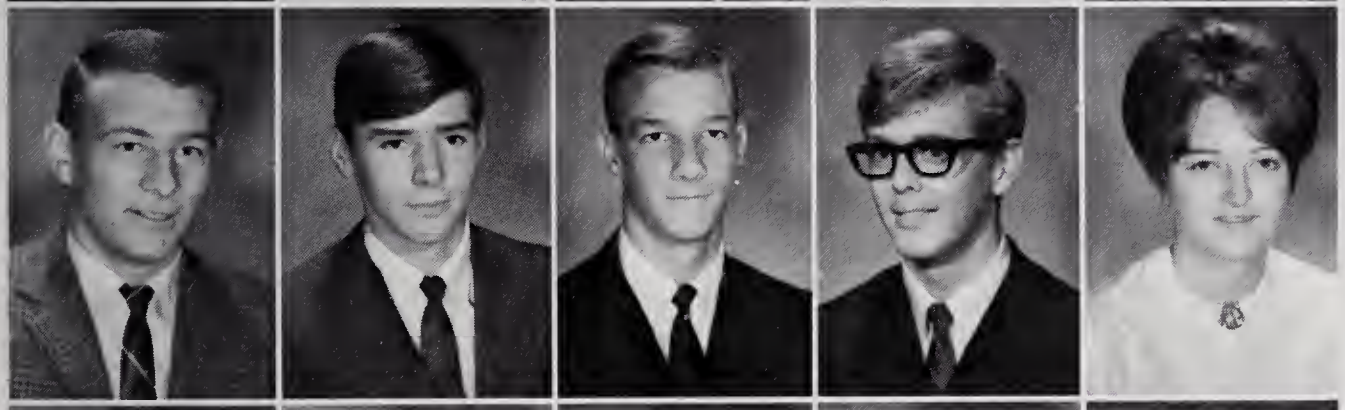

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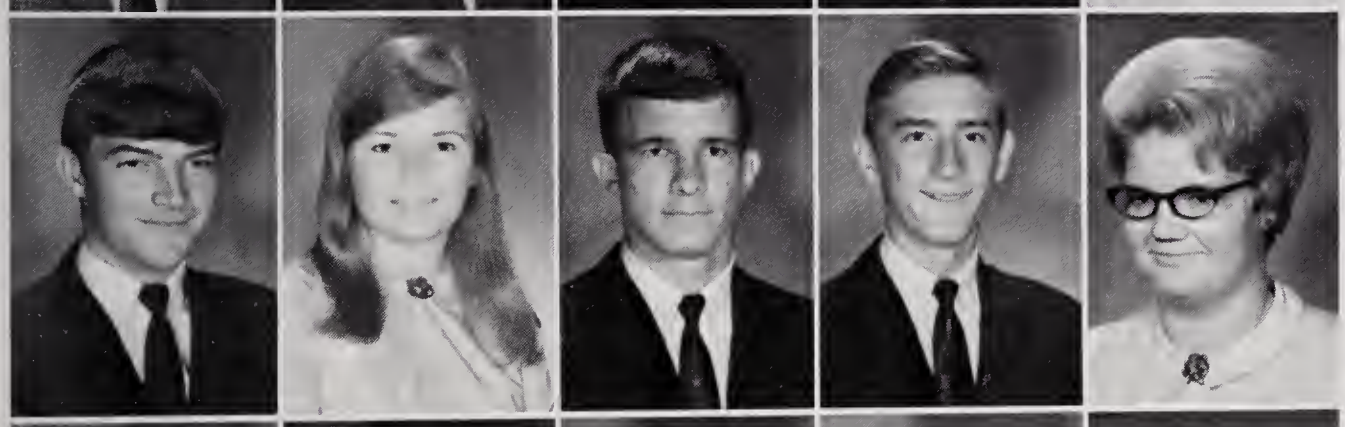

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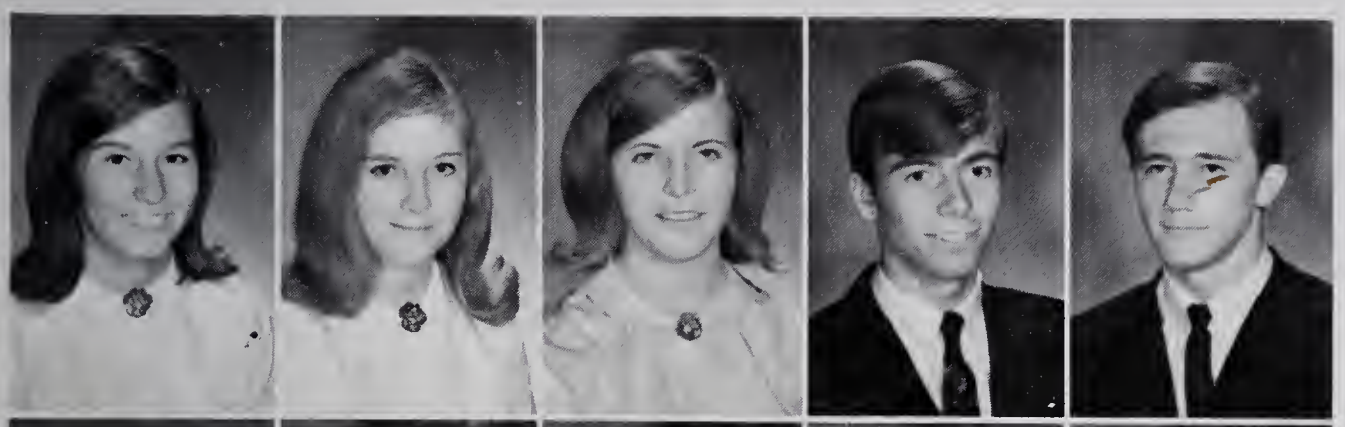

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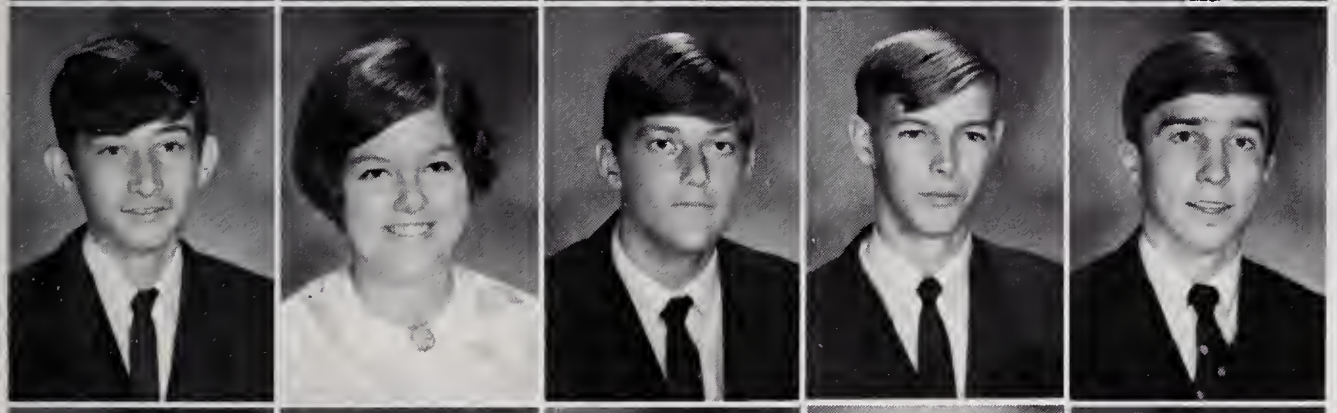

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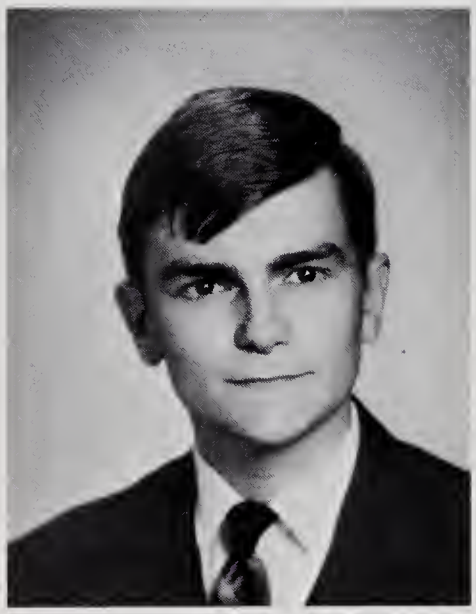

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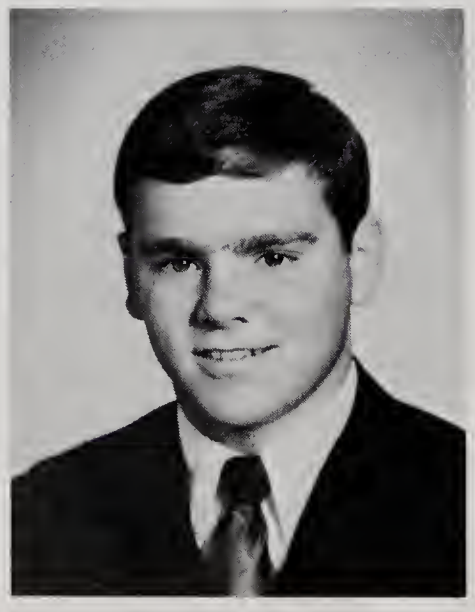

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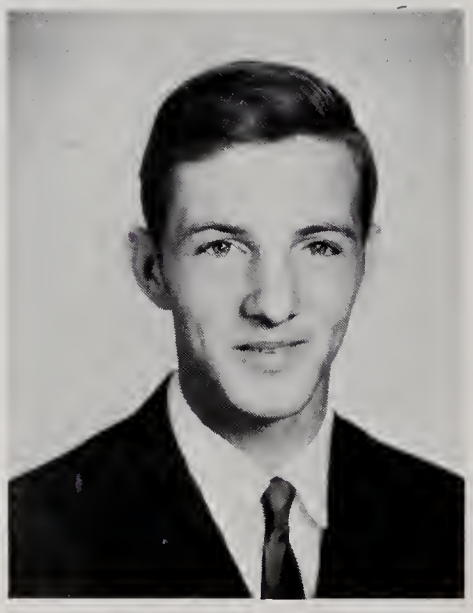

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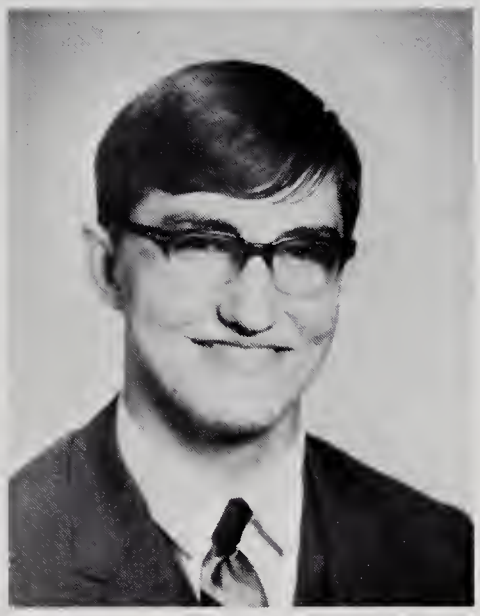

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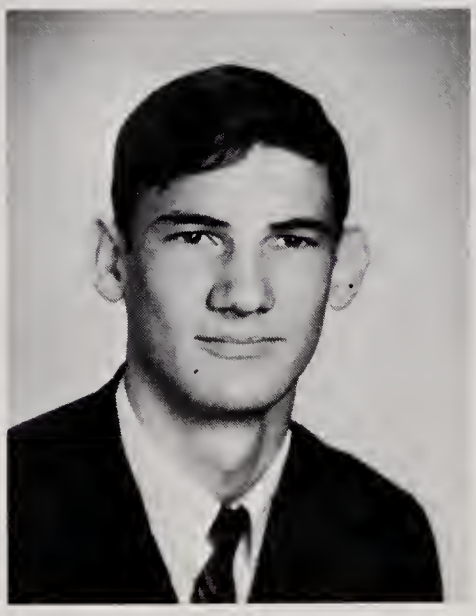

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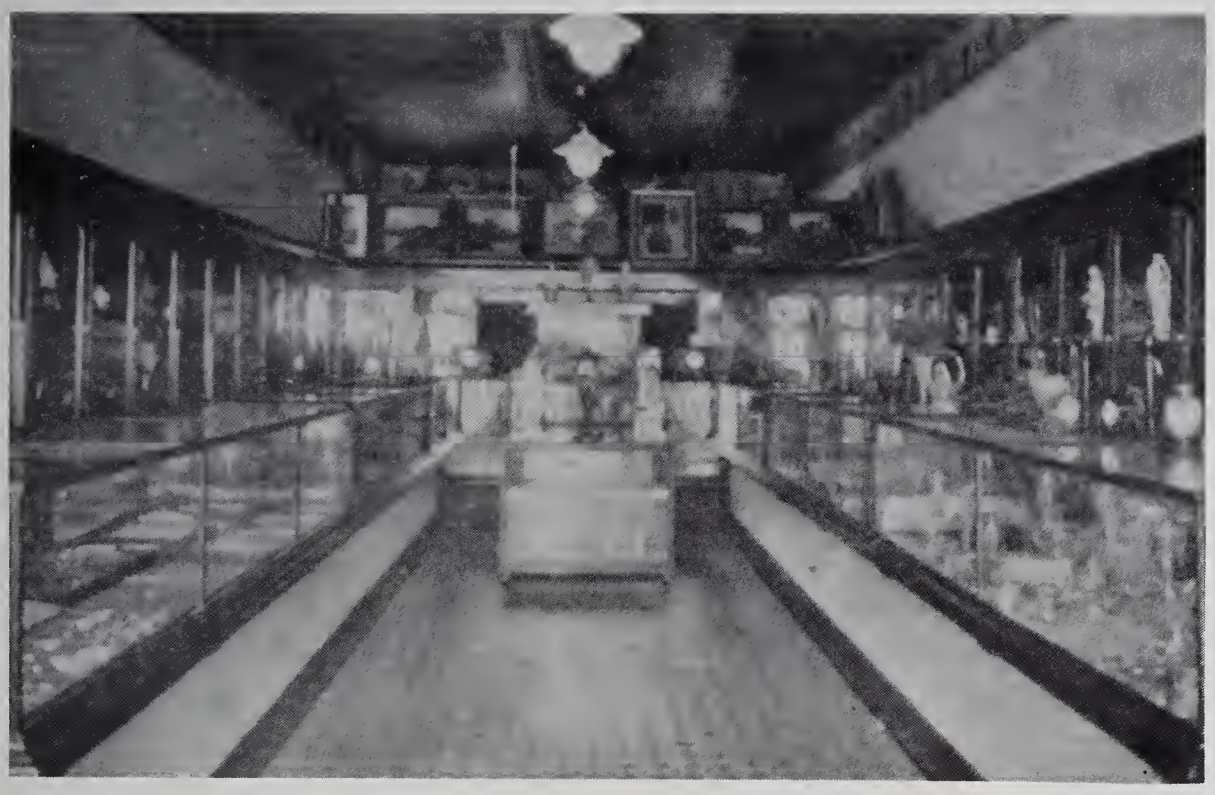

Focus On Business

The growth of the school is reflected in the growth of the town. Benson changed from its earliest days, as did the school. Shown here is J.W. Whittenton's jewelry store and a view of main street looking east, around the year 1925. The opposite page shows the Benson Feed Mill which has recently expanded.

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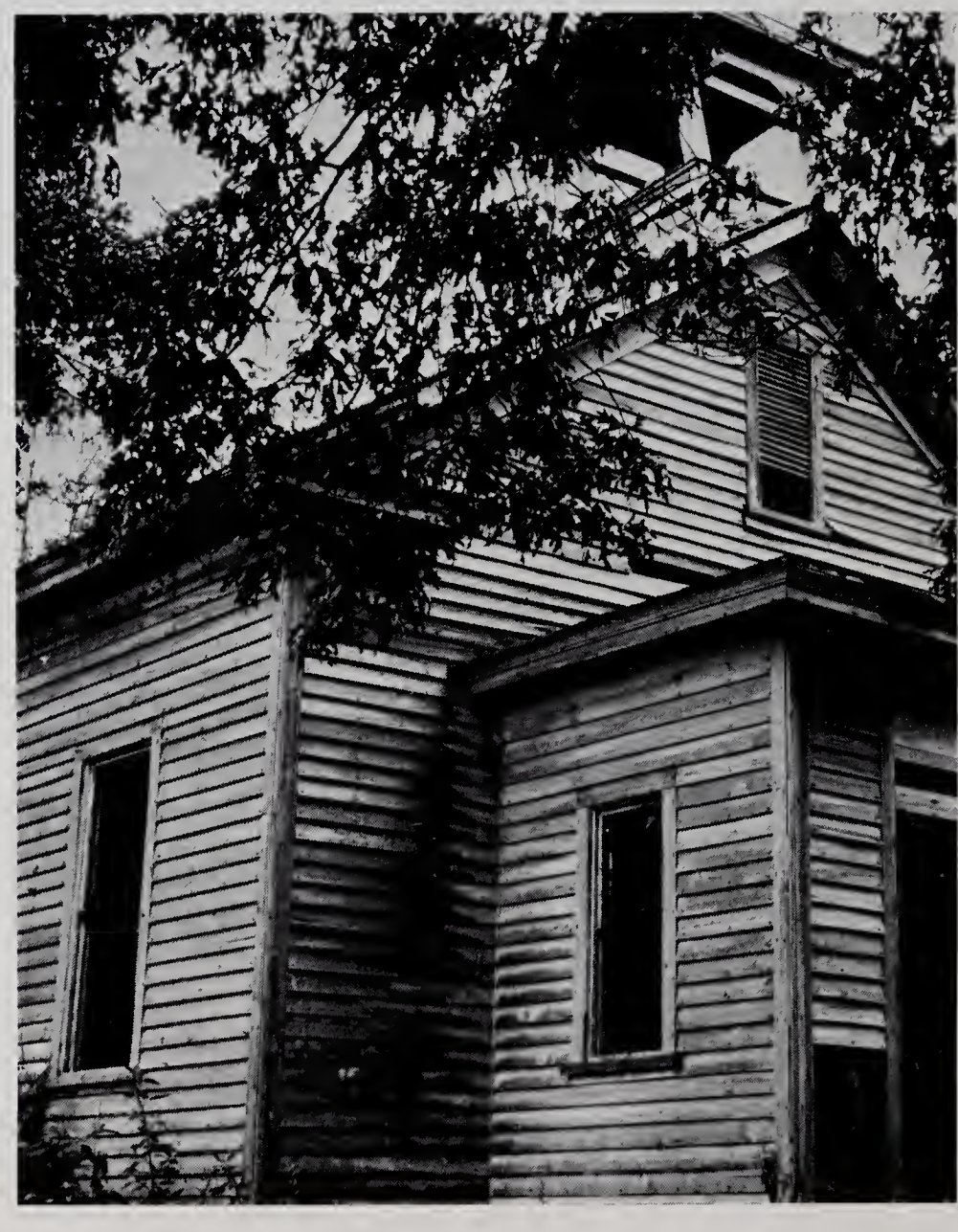

Focus On Changes

Before 1889, Dog Eye School (opposite page, bottom right) represented the only form of education available to children in the Benson area, aside from the private tutoring they received in their homes. This early school, with its tall bell tower, was supported only by the tuition paid by the students and remained the principle symbol of learning in the area until a school was built in Benson in 1889. At this time, a tiny, one-room structure was constructed on land donated by A. M. Benson, for whom the town was named. The institution was located on Church Street, where the present school now stands. The building served between forty and sixty students until 1899, when the need for expansion was realized, and the educational system became a two-room, two-teacher affair. In 1904, a new building, now called the Dixie House, was constructed, consisting of ten rooms, including four classrooms, a hall, cloakroom, auditorium, library, and society rooms. The school system continued to expand, and by 1909, the State Department of Public Instruction listed Benson as a standard school.

In 1916, three hundred and fifty students transferred from the Dixie House to the brick building which still houses part of Benson High School (opposite page, left). Additions were made in 1925 and 1940, among which a section of sixteen classrooms was included. (See opposite page, top)

In 1966, plans were begun for a new consolidated high school, South Johnston, of which Benson will become a part. The proposed school, now under construction, (picture below), will open in September, 1969.

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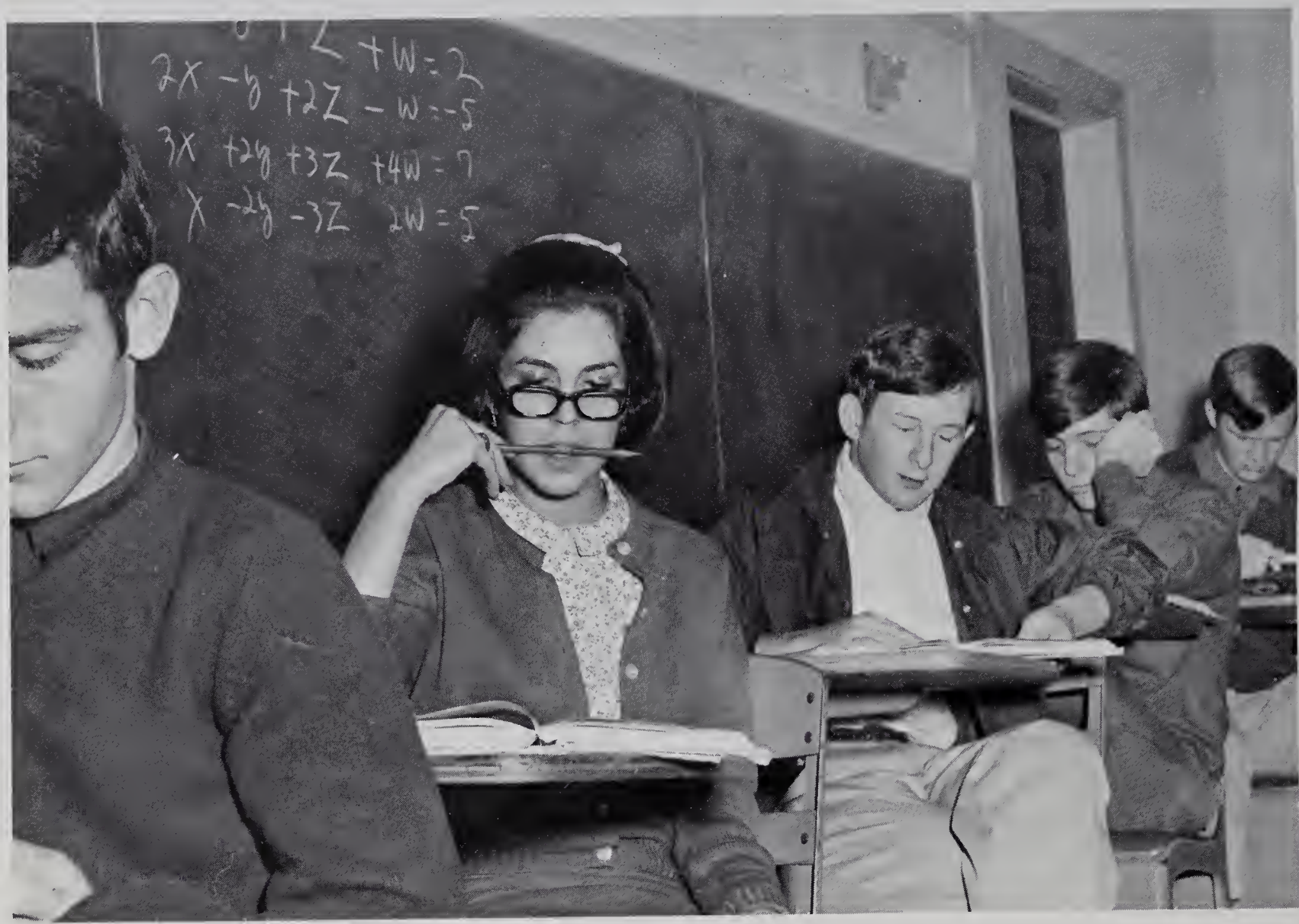

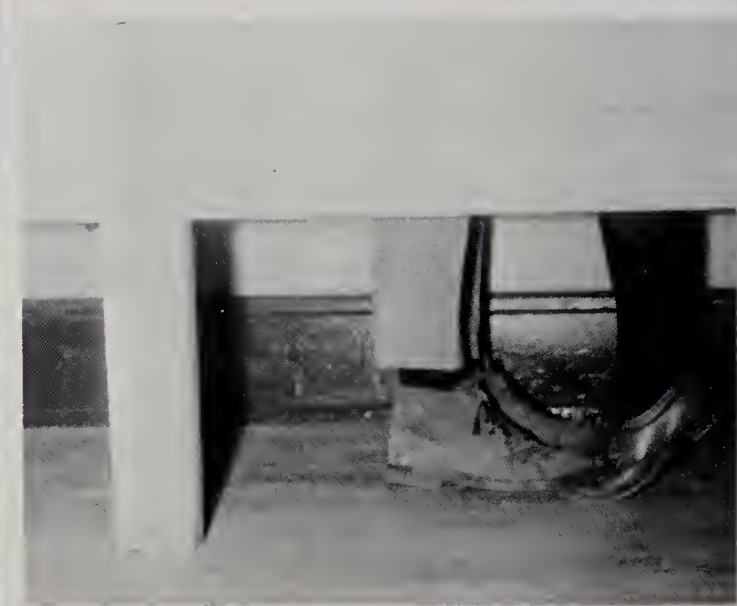

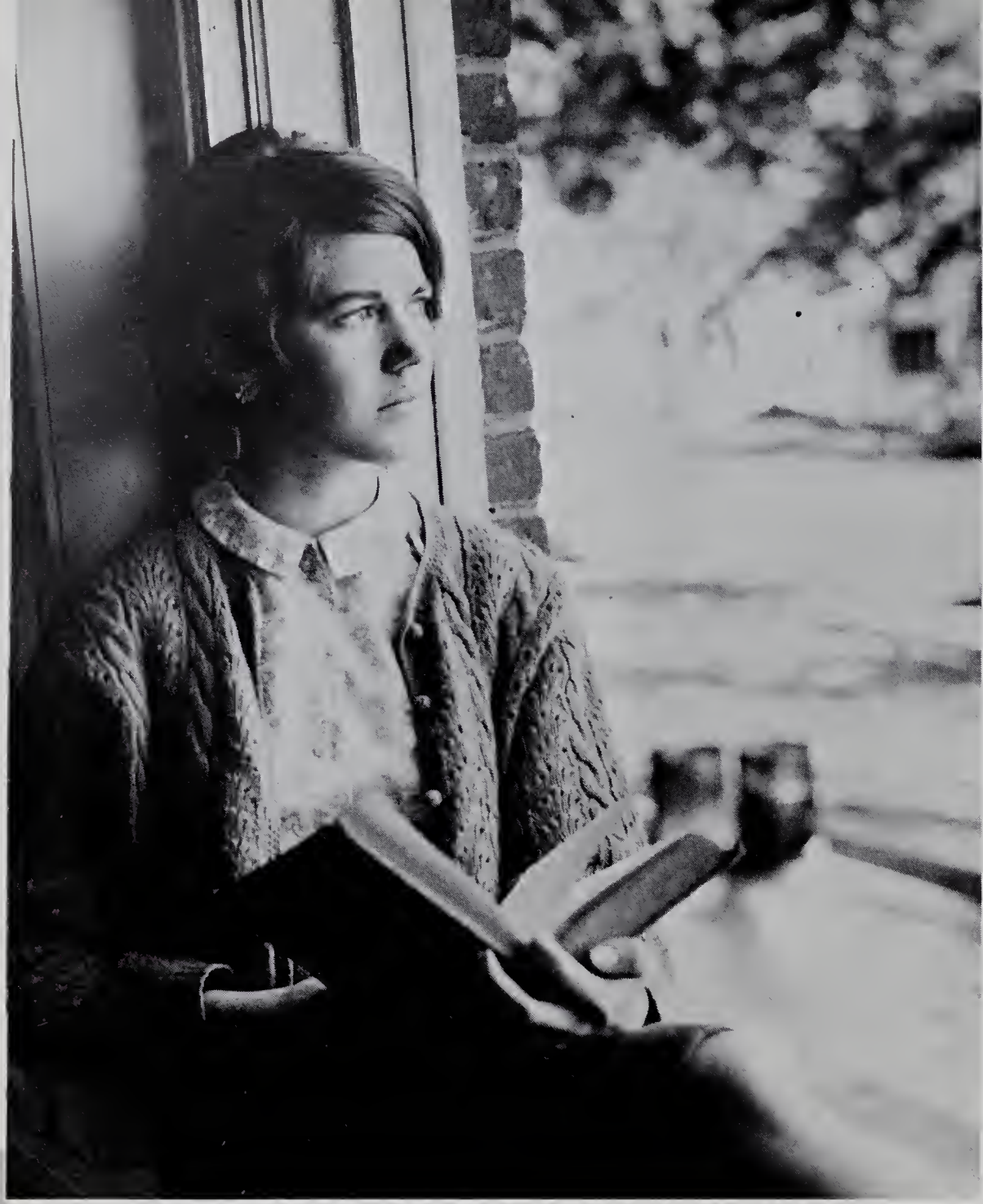

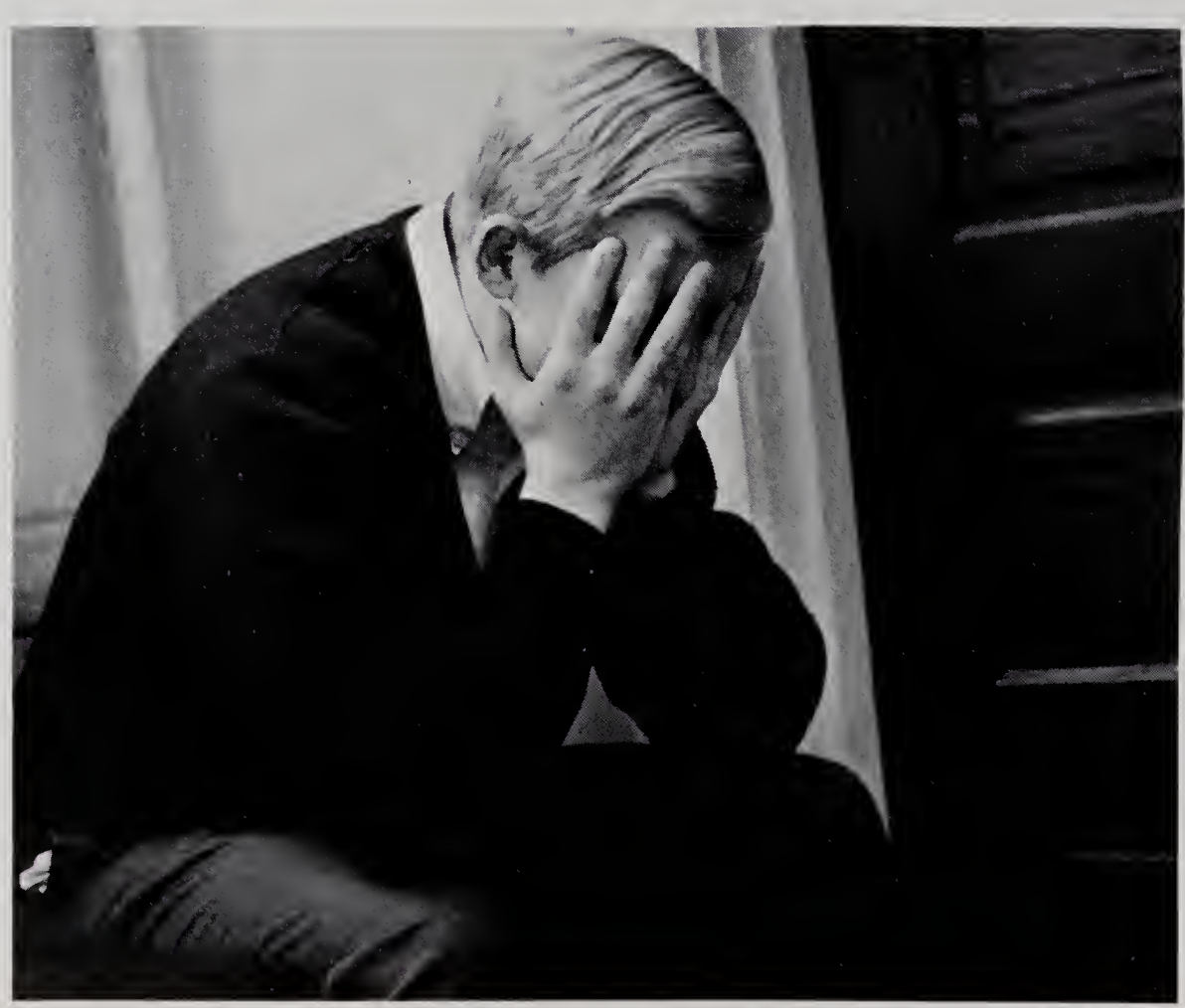

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Do you ever think it's useless?
Do you ever feel like letting go?
Do you ever sit and wonder
Will the world ever change,
And just how long will it take
To have it all rearranged?
Tell me why
These things are still the same.
Tell me why
No one can seem to learn from the start.

Take my hand, if you don't know
Where you're going.
I'll understand;
I've lost the way myself.
Don't take that older road–
It leads to nowhere.
He must return before the clock strikes twelve.

It's so easy to do nothing
When you're busy night and day.
Take a step in one direction
And take a step the other way.
So don't quit trying when you stumble,
Don't give up should you fall.
Keep on searching
For the pathway to lead
You through the wall.
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